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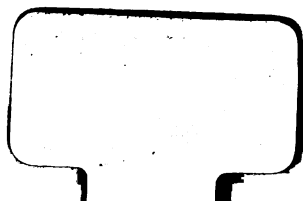
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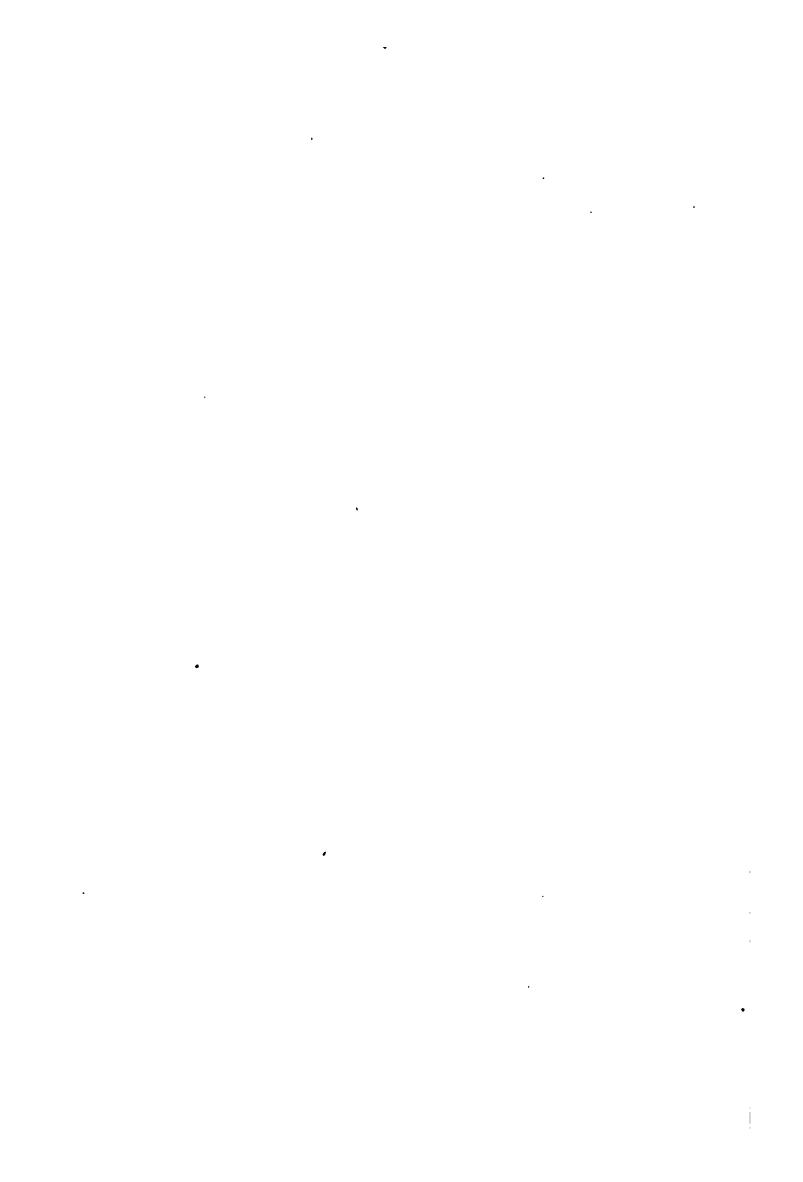
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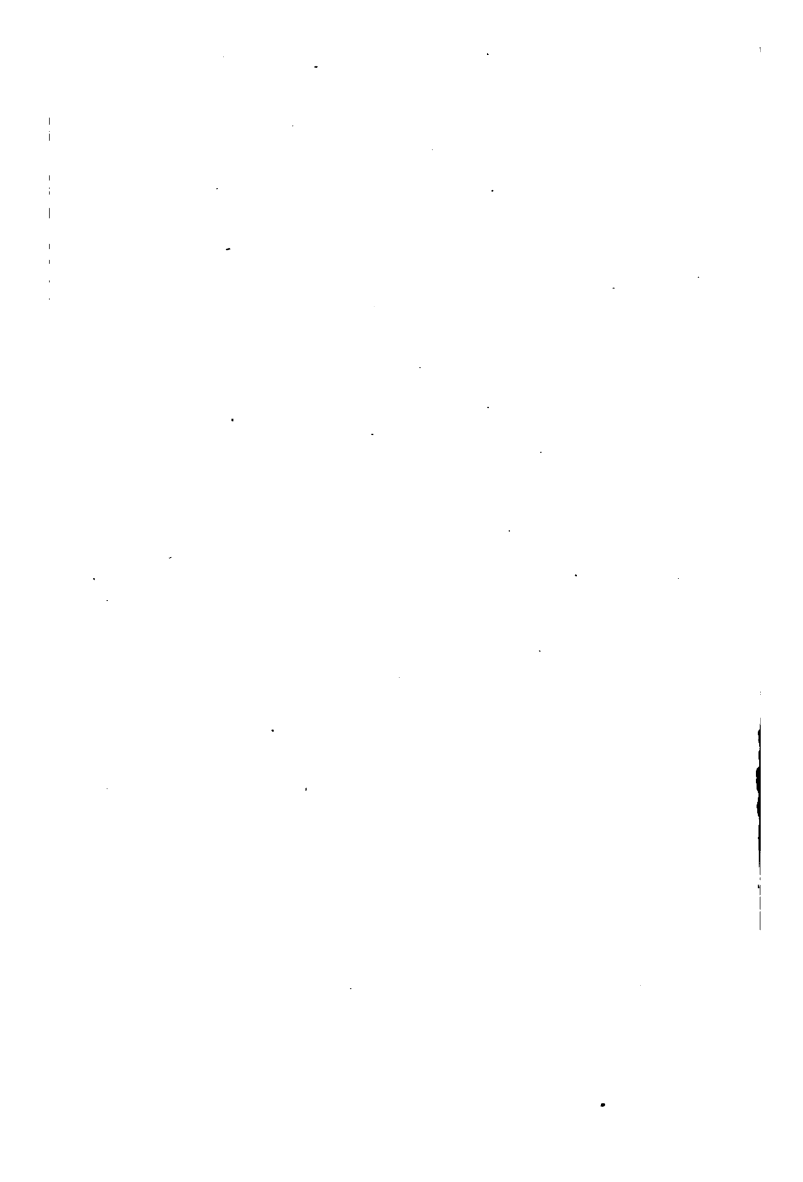


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INTRODUCTION.

"Watch unto Prayer."

FAITHFUL, believing prayer is the secret of strength to every Christian. It is the power by which he overcomes the Tempter. It is the channel by which he receives from above daily help, wisdom, grace, and consolation. Few promises in Holy Scripture are more encouraging than that spoken by our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. vi. 6): "Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet; and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, Himself shall reward thee openly."

Hence the Adversary seeks by every means to hinder the Christian in this duty and privilege. Many are the devices which he uses for the purpose. Just as the commander of a besieging army might endeavour to cut off the water-supply, blocking up or destroying the conduit-pipes or otherwise, thus

hoping to take the city, so the enemy of God and man strives to hinder a Christian's prayers. If only he can prevent the child of God seeking peace and help from above, he knows that, sooner or later, he shall be able to take the citadel of the heart. It is for this reason I write these introductory remarks. In putting forth a manual of private prayer, it may be well to name a few of the more common hindrances that are found to lie in the Christian's path. I will add also a few words as to the best means by which they may be overcome. I will briefly mention eight points on which it is of the utmost importance you should be on your guard.

1. *Any breach of the law of love*, anything of strife, envy, ill-feeling, or separation in the home, is a great disturber of communion with God. For this reason Peter urges the husband and wife to live together "as heirs of the grace of life, that their prayers be not hindered" (1 Peter iii. 7). It is only in the spirit of mutual forbearance, love, and unity that prayer can thrive and grow. Only the still water can reflect the bright stars in the firmament above. Only the heart at peace with others can look up to heaven and receive back the light which God is ever ready to bestow.

2. *Over-carefulness* is another enemy to be avoided. If you yield to perpetual anxieties and distractions about family matters, or business, or daily duties, or if you dwell continually upon troubles that you imagine are coming, you will seldom be able to pray with comfort. These

burdens must be laid down at Christ's feet. Entrust them all to Him. Leave Him to undertake and manage for you, and He will do it far better than you can for yourself. If He laid down His life for you, if He hath all power in heaven and in earth, and if nothing be too small or unimportant for His eye to notice, exercise more simple confidence in Him, and cast all your care on Him who careth for you.

3. *The spirit of hurry* is another of these dangers. Prayer need not be long, and in many cases it cannot be ; but some time must be given to it in which you can quietly speak to your Father in heaven. Had you to go into the presence of our Queen, it would be very unsuitable that you should rush in with a hurried step, and, after a moment's conversation with Her Majesty, hastily leave the royal apartments. But is it not far more so when you go into the presence of the Great King? Put off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place is holy ground. Wait a few moments ere the lip is opened, that thou mayest consider the glory and holiness of Jehovah. God is in heaven and thou on earth, therefore let thy words be few and real. Be not content with muttering a short prayer after you have crept into bed. Lay aside all hasty speech, all thoughtless, hurried petitions, and worship Him "with reverence and godly fear ; for our God is a consuming fire."

4. Avoid also *a worldly spirit*, if prayer is to true and effectual. If the harp be out of tune,

if the strings are loose or broken, how can it give forth a delightful strain of pleasant melody? And if you come to the throne of grace with a mind pre-occupied with a thousand eager, feverish desires of earth, how can you offer such hearty spiritual worship as will be music in the ear of our Father in heaven? If you would pray and praise aright, watch continually that you be not conformed to the world. Ever seek grace and power from above, that you be renewed in heart and mind to desire above all things an increase of spiritual life. Cherish heavenly thoughts throughout the day. Cultivate ejaculatory prayer. If possible, at noon-day get a few minutes alone with God; and from morning to evening, again and again, let some short petition arise to your Father in heaven. Even in your busiest hours you may steal a moment for silent prayer; and it will oil the wheels of everyday work, and form a link of connection between your morning and evening prayer. In this way you will find prayer more profitable and helpful to yourself, and more acceptable to your Father in heaven.

5. *Permitted sin* is another deadly foe. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Ps. lxvi. 18). "Dead flies spoil the precious ointment." "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, his prayer shall be abomination."

If you allow yourself in any sin, or inconsistency, or neglect of duty—if you give the rein to the tongue or the temper—if worldly thoughts are

allowed to lodge in the heart—if you set up any idol, money or pleasure or human praise or aught else, in the sanctuary which belongs to God—if you indulge yourself in that which is your own besetting snare, be sure that you will lose all comfort in prayer. Either prayer will conquer sin, or sin will take away all power in prayer.

6. *Lip-service* in prayer is no less fatal than any of the other evils I have named. It is the shell without the kernel. It is the husk without the wheat. It is the body without the soul. It is the form without the power or reality. You may repeat the most beautiful words by rote, you may utter the Lord's Prayer hundreds of times over, but if there be no earnest desire for the things you ask—what does it profit? "God looketh at the heart," and He sees the emptiness and worthlessness of all such seeming devotion. Beware of it as one of the greatest perils. It is in vain that you worship God and draw nigh to Him with your lips, while your heart is far from Him. He will never accept it at your hands. "IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH" is the one great requisite. On this account, it is needful to exercise much caution in the use of a manual like this. It may prove a hindrance instead of a help. Never be content with using a prayer, however Scriptural and helpful in its way, unless your heart goes along with each petition. Only take this book to guide and assist you in coming to God, but do not rest in it as if you needed nothing further. When you pray, think what you need,

and what God has promised; and then plead both with your Father in heaven. Think of your own special sins and temptations, and spread them out before the mercy-seat. If you use the prayers of this book, speak also to God in your own words. A crutch is useful for one who is weak, but a strong man is able to walk without. Therefore go forward, and seek to grow in the spiritual life. Ask of God a praying heart, and then His grace within you will stir you up to pray in words and desires which will be acceptable to Him. Never forget it. A sigh, a groan, a look, an inward longing of the soul has in it more of real, true prayer, than any number of words merely repeated from the memory, or read from a book, without the deep feeling of an humble, believing heart.

7. *A wandering of the mind in prayer* is another evil to be carefully avoided. I imagine there is no child of God but has continually to lament wandering thoughts—something coming in to divert the attention, and often carrying you miles away from the presence of the Lord. Even those who most grieve and regret this evil find that it often comes and disturbs them. It meets them in the sanctuary, it meets them in family worship, it meets them in their private devotions. It is a weed that is ever growing, and no specific has yet been found that can root it out of the garden of the heart. But some guidance may be given in the matter. Strive to be *very definite* in your prayers. Think of what you most need, and then put it very distinctly before the Lord.

Endeavour always to speak as to a living person. If you could more fully realise and always recollect that when you pray, a living Redeemer and Friend bows down the ear to hear, that He is close by you, that you are not speaking into the air, or to the walls and ceiling of the room where you are, but that you speak your words to one who as truly sees you and hears you as if you saw Him with your very eyes before you, this would help you more than anything. Believe, also, that the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy, and freely forgives these your infirmities. When conscience tells you that you have been wandering in thought, at once turn again to the Lord, trusting in the precious blood, and looking afresh for the present help and quickening of the Holy Spirit.

8. *Unbelief* is the last hindrance I will name. You must believe that God is, and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Many doubts are abroad in the world. Many question whether God hears prayer. But there is a living God, our Creator, our Father, and He does hear the cry of all who truly call upon Him. He makes use of the laws of nature, which He has appointed, to fulfil His own purposes of mercy in answering the prayers of His people. In the course of His wise providence He disposes men's hearts, and turns about trials and sorrows, and all events, to work out His own bright designs. Give no heed to unbelieving fears. Unbelief dishonours God, keeps back the blessing you might receive, and robs you of all joy and comfort in

prayer. On one occasion we are told that Christ "could do no mighty works because of the unbelief" of the people. On the other hand He said, "According to your faith, be it unto you." Therefore in prayer believe much, expect much, and hope against all delay and discouragement. Sooner or later, in the very best way, God will abundantly reward the prayers of all humble, true worshippers.

Look up to heaven and behold a gracious Father standing with both hands full of precious gifts, and delighting to shower them down on such as wait upon Him. Behold a merciful High Priest and Advocate pleading at the mercy-seat, full of sympathy and loving-kindness, presenting His own merits on your behalf, and thus securing every spiritual and temporal blessing for those who trust in His name. Behold the Eternal, Ever-blessed Spirit, the Comforter, ready to aid you, ready to quicken you in prayer, and to make intercession within you in longings which no words can utter.

Behold unnumbered promises, like so many bright angels, beckoning you forward, and encouraging you to pray without ceasing.

Behold the example of God's saints in all ages, who witness to you of the faithfulness of God in hearing prayer.

Behold the joyful rest that awaits all who love to pray, where weeping prayers shall be exchanged for joyful praises, and where thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty.

Consider all this, and then rejoice to make use

of this privilege of prayer. Morning and evening and at noonday, in the glare and heat of the world, in the silent watches of the night, in joy and in sorrow, in youth and in old age, in health and on a sick-bed, in the full strength of life and in the solemn hour of death—still pray on, pray always, pray hopefully, pray joyfully; and then through eternity you shall bless God for His everlasting mercy, and the countless and untold benefits He has granted in answer to your prayers.

A short text of Scripture precedes the prayers for each morning and evening; and it is suggested that a few moments' thought should be given to it before the prayer is offered. This may enable you to pray more earnestly and in stronger faith.

OUR FATHER which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done in earth, as
it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: For
Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, for ever. Amen.

First Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

"With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."—*Isaiah* xii. 3.

O MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I draw near to Thee in His name. Look not upon my manifold sins; but look upon Him, my righteous Advocate. For His sake turn away Thine anger from me, and behold me in loving-kindness. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon me. Teach me evermore to rejoice before Thee, and to praise Thee with my whole heart.

O Heavenly Father, I praise and bless Thee for this Thy holy day. It is a token of Thy great love toward me. I bless Thee for the help Thou dost afford me by these days of rest and worship. O may I use them faithfully! Give me a delight in Thy house of prayer. Give me grace to call upon Thee in spirit and in truth.

Holy Father, quicken me that I may give earnest heed to Thy Holy Word, and do Thou write its precious lessons on my heart. Stir up my soul that I may sing Thy praise with joy, and may I find by experience that a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. O give me in rich measure the grace of Thy Spirit, and let me draw water with joy out of these wells of salvation.

O loving Saviour, this day draw me closer to Thyself, and make me love Thee more and more. Show Thyself unto me, that I may increase in the knowledge of Thee and of Thy salvation. I thank Thee that Thou hast died in my stead. I thank Thee that Thou hast risen again to save me by Thy life. I thank Thee that Thou art ever pleading my cause at the Father's right hand. Teach me to trust Thee utterly. Thou wilt save me even to the uttermost. O Lord, perfect that which concerneth me, and forsake not the work of Thine own hands.

O Almighty God, who alone doest great marvels, send forth upon Thy Church the healthful Spirit of Thy grace. Bless abun-

dantly the congregations of Thy people. Give unto Thy ministering servants wisdom, reality, and power. Endue them with boldness and love, and enable them to exalt and glorify Thy Son Jesus Christ. Let the dew of Thy Spirit rest on the congregation with whom I worship. O Father, build up and strengthen Thy people in Thy fear and love. Guide the anxious ones to the Saviour's footstool. Make Thine arrows sharp in the hearts of Thine enemies, and awaken every sleeping conscience. And now, Lord, be with me all through this day. Make it a resting-place where I may gain strength for the coming week. Make it a step upward toward Thy rest above. Hear me, O Lord God of Hosts, and grant me all my petitions, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

"He fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks."—*Luke xvii. 16.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, receive me once more to Thy favour this night. Another holy Sabbath has quickly passed. Accept the worship I have this day offered in the name of Jesus. Bless me, even me, ere I go to rest, and lift up the light of Thy countenance upon me.

O Lord Jesus, my gracious Master, I would now come to Thy footstool. I thank Thee for all Thy love, and I cast myself entirely on Thy mercy. O Saviour, I come to Thee, as I would ever come, poor and needy, and with nothing in myself but sin and evil. Take me as I am, and make me all Thou wouldest have me to be.

Blessed Lord, at Thy feet I would confess the many sins of this day. Thou hast given me great privileges, but I have not used them as I ought. Thou hast given me Thy house of prayer, but I have often

come before Thee with a wandering heart. O forgive my lip-service. Forgive my dulness and forgetfulness in hearing Thy word. Forgive the coldness of my heart when singing Thy praise. O pardon every sinful thought that has defiled my soul this day. Freely cleanse me from every evil thing in the fountain of Thy precious blood. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Give me true and godly sorrow for all that is past. Then, Lord, speak peace to my soul. Say to me this night, "Go in peace; thy sins are forgiven thee."

Be Thou, O Lord, my Teacher. By Thy Good Spirit write upon my heart the lessons I have this day heard outwardly with my ears. Recall to my memory what may have been forgotten. Fix as a nail in a sure place whatever truth I need for my soul's profit. Teach me the importance of eternal things. Show me more of my exceeding sinfulness. Open the eyes of my understanding that I may know Thee more perfectly, as all my salvation and all my desire.

O Lord, I beseech Thee, let Thy con-

tinual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church. Draw forth the graces of Thy people. Fill them with faith, love, hope, and zeal. Free them from all worldliness and unbelief, and make them active and diligent in doing Thy work. Breathe Thy quickening Spirit upon those dead in sin, that they may arise to love and serve Thee. Build up Thy true servants in the knowledge and faith of Thy Son. Look in mercy on all I love, especially . . . , and lead every one of them to the Saviour's footstool. O hasten the day of His appearing, and may Thy children ever be looking forward to that blessed hope.

O Saviour, keep me henceforth very nigh to Thee. All through the coming week may I see Thee ever by my side. Let no cloud come between. May I strive to please Thee in all things. May I practise what I have learnt in Thy courts, and may I shine as a light in an evil world. O help me still to praise and glorify Thy name, and to give Thee thanks for ever. Hear me, and grant me exceeding abundantly above all I ask or think, for Thy name's sake. Our Father, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."

—Ps. xxiii. 1.

O GOD, my Creator, my Preserver, my Father in Christ Jesus, I bless Thee for Thy loving care of me during the past night. I bless Thee for another day in which to serve Thee. Thy mercies are new every morning. Thou never failest to guard and keep those who trust in Thee. O give me the spirit of true thankfulness! I praise Thee, O my Father, for every day of health and comfort which Thou hast given me. I praise Thee for relations and friends and whatever kindness I have received from them. But I praise Thee most for Thy love in the gift of Jesus. May I prize Him above all things, and may I love Him with my whole heart.

O Thou Good Shepherd, who didst come to seek and to save the lost, be Thou my Shepherd, Redeemer, and Friend. Seek

Thy servant whenever I go astray from Thee. Fetch me back whenever I turn away from following Thee.

O Saviour, lead and guide me all through the coming week! Make Thy way plain before my face. Deliver me from every snare and danger. Chasten and correct me, if it be needful. Only leave me not to follow the sinful devices of my own heart. Show me what I ought to do, and give me every hour grace and strength to do it. Help me continually to trust in Thee for all I need, and may I ever love Thee and keep Thy commandments.

I thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast laid down Thy life for the sheep. Bestow on me all the benefits of Thy death. Let Thy cleansing blood remove each guilty stain. Break the bonds of every sin, and set me free to serve Thee with gladness. Send to me Thy Spirit to abide always in my heart. As Thou hast given Thyself for me, may I give up all to Thee and follow Thee faithfully all the days of my life.

O Lord Jesus, have mercy upon those that are wandering far from Thy fold.

Thou knowest how many are living without God and without hope in the world. O turn their hearts back again, and bring them to Thyself. Give them true repentance, and make them to hate the sins they have loved. O bring the lost and perishing to Thy footstool, and make them know the blessedness of Thy believing people. O God, hear these my humble petitions. Grant to me whatever Thou knowest I need that I have failed to ask. Grant unto me pardon and peace. Cleanse me from all my sins, and may I serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Our Father, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

"Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."—*Gen.* v. 24.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, whose name is Holy, I would humbly come to Thy footstool this night. I am frail and feeble, but Thou art great and glorious. I am vile and sinful in Thy sight, but Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil. O give me true humility! Give me a broken and a contrite heart! Make me to know my iniquity and my sin! O Father, I have sinned against Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy child. But receive me graciously and love me freely, for Jesus' sake. Through Him may I ever rejoice in Thee as my Father and my God.

O my Father, I bless Thee that Thou dost invite me to walk with Thee! Teach me the greatness of this privilege! May I ever see Thee close at hand, and believe that Thou art ever with me. Keep me

nigh to Thee all the day long. Stir up my heart often to speak to Thee in prayer, and do Thou speak to me by Thy word and Thy Spirit. May I taste and see how good Thou art! Continue to me Thy favour and loving-kindness. Fill me with all joy and peace in believing. May I abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

O Almighty God, renew me day by day by Thy Spirit. Change me into Thine own image. Sweeten my temper, and may I never grieve Thy Holy Spirit by bitter and angry words. Cleanse and sanctify my thoughts, and purify me from everything that is evil. Give me a single eye to Thy glory. May I ever please Thee in will and deed. May it be my delight to do Thy will, and to finish the work Thou hast put into my hands.

O blessed Saviour, keep me from all doubt and unbelief. Keep me firm on the Rock of Ages. Thou knowest, O Lord, that I am often cast down and discouraged. My sins are too strong for me. My heart is cold and prone to wander. I fail to make progress as I desire. But teach me,

Lord, still to cleave to Thee. Without Thee I can do nothing. Thou art the Saviour of sinners, and as a sinner I come to Thee. O cast me not away from Thy presence. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. As a branch in the Vine, may I abide in Thee.

O Lord Jesus, I would trust Thee without wavering. I leave myself in Thy hands. Let Thy grace be sufficient for me, and make Thy strength perfect in my weakness. O Saviour, keep me to the end. Where Thou art, Lord, may Thy servant be! Whilst here below, show me Thy salvation, and enable me to live for Thee. When my days on earth are passed, may I see Thy face and be with Thee where Thou art in Thy glory. Fulfil, O Lord, these my petitions, and keep me and all I love through this night and evermore, for Thy name's sake. Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son."—
John xiv. 13.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, unto Thee do I lift up mine eyes. May I seek Thee this morning with my whole heart. Quicken me, and I shall call upon Thy name!

I bless Thee, O my Father, for each gracious promise Thou hast given me. I bless Thee that whatsoever I ask in Thy Son's name, Thou wilt give it. O teach me to ask according to Thy will. Stir me up to desire spiritual blessings. Help me to pray in faith, and then open wide Thy good treasure and give me beyond all I ask or think. Fill me with Thy fulness in Christ Jesus. Bless me and make me a blessing in Thy Church.

O Heavenly Father, give me a deep sense of my own sinfulness, and teach me

to place all my hope in the death of Thy Son. I thank Thee that Thou hast given Him to be both a sacrifice for sin and also an ensample of godly life. Grant, O Lord, that I may trust only in His finished work, and evermore walk in His footsteps.

O Holy Saviour, send to me Thy Spirit, and teach me to follow Thee. O form in me the same mind which shone so brightly in Thee! Renew me in Thine own image! Make me meek and lowly in heart. May I ever be ready to take the lowest place, if only I can glorify Thee or comfort Thy sorrowing ones. O Thou Man of prayer, give me the spirit of prayer, and make me constant in this blessed duty. Forgive my frequent weariness and wanderings in drawing near to Thee. Whenever I fail, O let Thy Spirit help my infirmities, and enable me to pray and not to faint.

Merciful Father, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, have compassion upon all the creatures of Thy hand. Remember in mercy Thine ancient people, the Jews. Take from them all hardness of heart, and bring them in faith to the Saviour's foot-

stool. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit on the nations who know Thee not. Send to them the light of Thy Gospel, and dispose them to receive it in faith and obedience.

O Lord, be with me through this day, and every day of my life. Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe. Stretch out Thy hand, and lift me up whenever I fall. O Father, may I see Thee at my right hand, and ever walk before Thee with a good conscience. Keep me and uphold me unto the end, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

"If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water."—*John iv. 10.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou never failest to help and govern those who trust in Thee. I bless Thee for Thy care and love through another day. I thank Thee that Thou hast given me food and raiment and all I need. O Father, in Thy good providence, Thou dost care for all Thy creatures. Not a sparrow is forgotten before Thee. But I thank Thee for Thy special care for those redeemed by the blood of Thy Son. Come very nigh to me this night. Place beneath me Thine everlasting arms. Guard me from all ill, and let no harm come near my dwelling-place.

O merciful Father, I need continually Thy forgiving mercy. Pardon whatever

Thou hast seen in me contrary to Thy will. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity in the atoning blood of Jesus. May His death answer for all my guilt. May I lie down this night at peace with Thee and with all the world.

O Lord Jesus, may I know Thee as the only Saviour of sinners. Thou art the Fountain of grace and salvation. Give me the living water which Thou hast promised to them that ask Thee. I want to love Thee more, and serve Thee better, day by day. O merciful Redeemer, bestow on me Thy Spirit in larger measure. Let Thy grace be with me as a well of water, springing up to everlasting life. Make me to hunger and thirst after Thee, and then do Thou abundantly satisfy every desire. O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord, and put gladness in my heart, even the joy of Thy salvation.

O Lord, grant that I may become a blessing to others. May I glorify Thee, by doing Thy will and walking in Thy footsteps. Give me boldness to confess Thy name, and may I never be ashamed of Thy word.

Out of the abundance of my heart may I tell others of Thy love. Bless me with Thy favour, and make me a blessing in Thy Church. Gracious Father, this night I commend to Thee myself and all I love. Remember in Thy mercy Be nigh to all beneath this roof. Make us wholly Thine. Deal tenderly with those in any sorrow or adversity. Make their trials work together for their good. Teach them by these earthly troubles to make Thee their continual Refuge. O Father, hear these my humble supplications, and when Thou hearest, forgive, and save me, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

"O when wilt Thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart."—Ps. ci. 2.

MY GOD, MY FATHER, draw nigh to me this morning, for I need Thy help. I have nothing of my own but misery and sin, but in Jesus is my hope. Ever look upon Him, my righteous Advocate, and for His sake behold me in Thy favour and loving-kindness. As Thy forgiven and accepted child, make Thy face to shine upon me. Keep me, O Father, from all evil, and help me to walk before Thee all the day long.

O merciful Redeemer, the Friend of sinners, come to me and abide with me continually. Come to me in the morning, and enlighten me with the bright beams of Thy love. Come to me at noon, and keep me calm and quiet in the midst of life's duties. Come to me at even, and enable me to rest in peace beneath the shadow of

Thy wing. O Saviour, be near to me at all times, wherever my lot be cast. Ever take up Thine abode in my home. Sanctify it by Thy presence. Give unto us the peace that passeth understanding. Drive away all strife and disputing, and make us all to be of one heart and mind in Thy fear.

O Lord Jesus, my gracious Master, forgive me wherever I have failed in my duty. Save me from evil tempers and from everything that would injure those about me. Keep me from a sullen or murmuring spirit. Make me ready to forgive when others speak hastily or unkindly. May I not be easily provoked, but patient and gentle towards all men. O make me in everything like Thyself, and let Thy Spirit ever dwell within me. Subdue within me whatever is amiss, and fill me with unselfish love to every one beneath this roof.

O Father, bless all relations and friends, especially If any are yet far from Thee, O bring them nigh through the blood of Thy Son. If any are in sorrow and trouble, do Thou cheer and comfort them. If any are near to death, prepare them for

their latter end, and bring them safely to the land of everlasting life, there to dwell with Thee for ever and ever.

I thank Thee, O merciful God, for all Thy mercy and loving-kindness toward me. I bless Thee for all the benefits I have received at Thy hands. O continue to me Thy goodness and favour, and teach me evermore to praise Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me : and I give unto them eternal life."—
John x. 27, 28.

GIVE ear, O Thou Shepherd of Israel,
and hear my prayer this night.
Thou never slumberest nor sleepest ; O
be Thou my Keeper through the hours
of darkness. Preserve me from all evil.
Whether I wake or sleep, be Thou ever
near me as my Helper and my Friend.

I pray Thee, precious Saviour, feed and
nourish me in the green pastures of Thy
truth. Make me to love Thy word and
to search continually for the treasures it
contains. May I ponder Thy promises,
and practise all Thy precepts.

O Blessed Jesus, may I know Thee as
my Shepherd and hear Thy voice. Speak,
Lord, for Thy servant heareth. Make
me ready to hearken to the faintest
whisper of Thy Spirit, or to the least

warning of conscience. Manifest Thyself to me as I read Thy Word, and draw me closer to Thee by the cords of Thy love.

O Holy Saviour, teach me evermore to follow Thee, and to walk day by day in Thy footsteps. Clothe me with humility, and make me meek and lowly in spirit. Fill me with holy charity, and dispose me ever to be forbearing and forgiving toward all. Destroy in me all selfishness, and make me thoughtful for the happiness of others. In every trial make me patient and submissive. In the darkest hour teach me to hope in God. Give me strength according to my day, and let no temptation take me which I am not able to bear.

O Lord, teach me to remember the blessedness of Thy fold above. Thou wilt give eternal life to those that follow Thee. Thou wilt lead them to living fountains of waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. O bring me safe to that blessed rest!

O God, keep me from the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Lead me onward day by day, and fit me for

Thy Presence. Guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

O Father, let Thy choicest blessings be poured on those I love. Make them Thine, and keep them Thine for ever. Comfort them in sorrow, and bring them through every trouble to Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

"The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him."—*Ezra* viii. 22.

O LORD GOD OF HEAVEN, I come to seek Thy face this morning. I bless Thee for Thy watchful care through another night. I bless thee that Thou hast raised me up in health and strength to serve Thee to-day. O may I serve Thee with a willing mind. May it be my meat to do the will of Him that sent me.

Most loving and merciful Father, for give me all my sins, negligences, and ignorances. Cleanse me from all guilt in the precious blood of Christ. Give me a quiet conscience through the assurance of Thy pardoning mercy. Though I have often strayed from Thee, receive me back to Thy favour. Cover me with the robe of righteousness. Satisfy my soul with good things. Lift up the light of Thy counte-

nance upon me, and keep me henceforth in the paths of holy obedience.

O merciful God, let Thy hand ever be upon me for good. Defend me from all the assaults of the enemy. Thou knowest the wiles of the devil. Thou knowest how prone I am to depart from Thee. Do Thou preserve me, O Lord, day by day, from every temptation and snare. Keep me from all appearance of evil. Make me sincere and truthful in all I say. Keep my tongue from uttering any word which will injure another. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit. Sweeten my temper, and subdue my will. Suffer me not to follow the pomps and vanities of this present world. Teach me, O Lord, to lay up treasures in heaven, and to seek those pleasures which are at Thy right hand for evermore.

Heavenly Father, look down in mercy on Thy Church in this land. Make us to be a nation fearing Thee and working righteousness. Let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but guide Thou the just. Raise up faithful witnesses for Thy truth, and may such as preach Thy

Gospel be filled with Thy Spirit. Turn the hearts of those who reject Thy Word, and make them truly to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ.

I pray Thee, O merciful Father, to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger or in trouble. Defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed.

O God, accept these my prayers and supplications, and guide me this day and ever in Thy faith and fear, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

"I am the Lord thy God . . . open thy mouth wide,
and I will fill it."—*Ps. lxxxi. 10.*

O MERCIFUL GOD AND FATHER, receive me to Thy care this night. I have too often forgotten Thee. I have lived too much for this present world. But I pray Thee, O my Father, forgive me all that is past, and give me a better mind. Sprinkle me this night with the blood of Christ, and breathe into my heart Thy quickening Spirit! Lift up my thoughts to Thyself. Draw me, and I will run after Thee. Keep me henceforth in Thy fear and love, and make me wholly Thine.

O God, who art plenteous in mercy and truth, give me, I pray Thee, a larger measure of Thy grace. Thou givest to all men liberally and upbraidest not. O deal bountifully with Thy servant! O Lord, Thou art my God, and Thou hast bidden me open my mouth wide. I ask of Thee

great things. Fulfil me with Thy grace and blessing. Give me stronger faith. Help me to trust Thee always and in everything. Whatever cares or sorrows oppress me, O teach me to rely upon Thee! Give me a more fervent love to Thee. May the love of Christ constrain me, and may His name ever be precious to my soul. O give me large-hearted charity. Rid me of all selfishness, and make me ever ready to do good to others. Cheer me with brighter views of my heavenly Home, and quicken in me a lively hope of Christ's appearing.

O Heavenly Father, show me my own poverty and emptiness, and evermore fill me out of the fulness which is in Christ. Let Thy Spirit dwell in me, and work in me mightily. Humble me in the sense of my own sins and shortcomings, but teach me to rejoice always in Christ and in His perfect righteousness. Sanctify me through Thy Word, and cleanse me from every secret sin.

O gracious Redeemer, keep me through another night in peace and safety. Be Thou my hiding-place and my shield, and let Thy mercy embrace me on every side.

Even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, do Thou protect and shelter all I love. Bless all my relations and friends. Especially remember in Thy mercy . . . (*my father and mother, and my brothers and sisters*).

O Lord, be Thou near to me evermore. I thank and praise Thee for all Thy love to me in past days. Abide with me still. Save me from every snare and temptation, and when Thou shalt come, may I be made like unto Thee in Thine eternal and glorious kingdom. O fulfil these my hearty desires, for Thy name's sake. Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

"There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."—Acts iv. 12.

O THOU GOD of love and peace, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I come again to Thee this morning. Uphold me this day with Thy right hand. Strengthen me according to Thy word. Leave me not, neither forsake me, but keep me from falling, and lead me in the paths of righteousness for Thy name's sake.

O Lord, I beseech Thee, let Thy Holy Spirit ever rest upon me. Take from me the heart of stone, and give me the heart of flesh. Give me a clearer view of my past sins, and make me grieve that I have so often dishonoured Thee. Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, but for Jesus' sake cast all my sins into the depths of the sea.

Gracious Saviour, teach me to trust wholly in Thy precious name. Without Thee I am undone. I have no merit but Thine. I have no righteousness but Thine alone. I have sinned, but Thou hast died. I am altogether without excuse, but Thou dost plead for me. In Thee the Father is ever well pleased.

I flee to Thee, O merciful Redeemer, as my only Refuge. Thou art able to save to the uttermost, and wilt in nowise cast out any who come to Thee. Receive me, and make me wholly Thine. When the burden of sin oppresses me, give me peace through Thy blood. When life's troubles weigh upon me, give me rest in Thy care. When I am tempted to do wrong, do Thou aid and succour me. Bring me safely through every danger to the Home prepared for those that love Thee.

I now commend myself to Thy care through the coming day. Merciful Father, go forth with me to the duties that lie before me. Whatsoever I do, may I do all to Thy glory. Give me good success in

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FRIDAY EVENING.

"The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."—*John* iv. 23.

O GOD THE FATHER, of heaven, mercifully receive me this night. I praise and bless Thee for Thy goodness and Thy grace. Still let Thy mercy follow me. Regard me in Thy tender love, for I do not trust in my own righteousness, but in the name of Jesus. For His sake welcome me to Thy favour, and grant me all I need.

O Father, give me a praying heart. Grant me the spirit of grace and supplication. Thou art a spirit, and they that worship Thee must worship Thee in spirit and in truth. O help me thus to draw near to Thee. Quicken me, that I may seek Thee earnestly. Increase my faith, that I may come to Thee with confidence and hope. Whenever I kneel down, keep

me from wandering thoughts. May I behold Thee near at hand to hear my prayers. Whatever I ask of Thee according to Thy will, may I receive through Him who ever liveth to intercede for me.

O God, the God of all grace, may I fervently desire more of Thy love! As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so may I thirst after Thee, my God! O give me to drink abundantly of Thee, the Fountain of living waters! May I ever trust Thy promises, and delight myself in Thy salvation! Day by day may I know Thee better, and cleave to Thee with my whole heart!

O God, another day is past, and all my days and years will soon be gone. Teach me to remember that my time is short. I know not what a day may bring forth. O teach me to live for eternity! Whatsoever my hand findeth to do, may I do it with my might! May I use every gift in Thy service. May I please Thee at all times both in will and deed. Like the Saviour, may I go about doing good. Trample selfishness and sloth under my feet, and make me diligent and active in Thy service.

Heavenly Father, Thou hast bidden us

make prayers and supplications for all men. Have mercy upon our Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all that are set in authority over us. Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, and enrich them with Thy heavenly grace. Guide the rulers of Thy Church, and make them wise in ordering all its affairs. Rid our land of all error and unbelief. O God of love, may the pure light of Thy Gospel shine brighter and brighter, and may multitudes be brought into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

Increase amongst us true religion, and pour down upon our country showers of blessing. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

"Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask Him."—*Matt.* vi. 8.

O LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, there is none like Thee in heaven above, or in the earth beneath. Thou art the true and living God. Thou art the High and Holy One that inhabitest Eternity. Help me this morning to worship Thee with reverence and godly fear. Fill me with holy awe as I approach Thy Divine Majesty.

Bring me very nigh to Thee, O God, as my reconciled Father in Christ Jesus: In His name may I come to Thee as Thy child, crying, Abba, Father. May I believe Thy promises, and rest in Thy care. Thou knowest what things I have need of before I ask, and Thou art able and willing to give me every good thing. Give me, O Father, health, and comfort, and success, as far as Thou seest best for me. Remove each trial and burden which is too heavy for

me to bear. Grant me above all things the continual aid of Thy Spirit. Let the fruits of the Spirit be more and more manifest in me. Give me love, joy, peace, and longsuffering in increasing measure. Strengthen my faith exceedingly, and keep me from ever doubting Thy goodness or Thy grace.

O Lord Jesus, set up Thy kingdom in my heart. Cast down every idol from Thy throne. Subdue every sin and evil passion, and do Thou rule in righteousness by the power of the Holy Ghost. As Thy faithful soldier and servant, may I fight under Thy banner, and do what lieth in me to turn sinners from their evil way. I pray Thee, O Lord, put forth Thy mighty power, and hasten Thy kingdom. Send out Thy Spirit, and let Thy Word have free course and run and be glorified. Raise up faithful and devoted messengers of Thy truth, and let the name of Jesus be everywhere spread abroad. Breathe upon dead souls that they may live. Direct and guide those who are seeking Thee. Strengthen and build up Thine own people, and may they glorify Thee by holy and consistent lives.

Almighty God, my Heavenly Father, I heartily thank Thee for the knowledge of Thy grace, and for all the blessings Thou hast given me. May I live this day in remembrance of Thy love. May I praise Thee, not only with my lips, but with my life. Make me zealous in good works, keep me from all sin and evil, and fill me with Thy grace and blessing, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall find mercy."—Prov. xxviii. 13.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who searchest the hearts of the children of men, I would draw near to Thee this night in sincerity and truth. O Lord, Thou knowest what I am and what I have done. May I hide nothing from Thee! Search and prove me, and what I see not teach Thou me.

O Father, I confess with shame the many sins of the past week. I have been an unprofitable servant. I have loved the world far too much, and have not sought Thy glory in all things. I have left undone the things I ought to have done, and have done the things I ought not to have done, and there is no health in me. Most merciful God, I beseech Thee, deal not with me after my sins, nor reward me

according to mine iniquities. Give me true repentance. Create in me a new and contrite heart. Forgive all my sins, negligences, and ignorances through the Saviour's blood. Endue me with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may amend my life according to Thy Holy Word.

O Lord Jesus Christ, my only Hope and Saviour, I look to Thee this night, and cast myself entirely upon Thy mercy. Thou didst die that I might live. Thou art even living at the Father's right hand to plead my cause. I would fix my eye on Thee alone! To whom but to Thee can I go, for Thou hast the words of eternal life? Be Thou my Refuge and my Hiding-place in life and in death.

O Lord, prepare me for the Great Day of Thy coming. Teach me to follow Thee in all holiness of living. Give me victory over the temptations of the world, and enable me to mortify the deeds of the body. Free me from all sloth and self-indulgence, and make me zealous in every good word and work.

O Heavenly Father, give me quiet rest this night, and may I awake in the morn-

ing to praise Thee with joyful lips. Prepare the hearts of all Thy children to worship Thee in Thy house. Bestow upon them an abundant measure of Thy Spirit. May Thy courts be filled on the morrow with true worshippers, and may the word of Thy salvation lead many to Thyself. Look mercifully on all I love, especially. . . . Turn their footsteps into the narrow path, and lead them in the way everlasting. O God, hear these my humble petitions, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

SUNDAY MORNING.

"I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring."—*Isa. xlv. 3.*

O MERCIFUL FATHER, the Author of every good and perfect gift, I praise Thee for another day of rest and gladness. This is the day that Thou hast made. May we rejoice and be glad in it! O may I call this day a delight, the holy of the Lord and honourable! May I strive to honour Thee, not doing my own ways, nor finding my own pleasure! When I go into Thy courts, do Thou quicken me that I may call upon Thy name. O Thou that searchest the hearts, banish far from me all vain and wandering thoughts. Fix my soul on Thee, that I may offer unto Thee true worship. As the hart desireth the water brooks, so may I desire Thy grace

and mercy. Prepare my heart to receive the good seed of Thy Word. Put away from me all lightness and thoughtlessness, and teach me to hearken to Thy voice in meekness and obedience. Draw me, blessed Saviour, nearer to Thyself. Show me more of the evil of sin and more of Thy free salvation. Deepen Thy work in my soul, and fill me with Thy light and love.

O Thou glorified Redeemer, I look to Thee for Thy Holy Spirit. Send down upon Thy Church the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. May He work mightily in every heart! Enlighten the ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments with the knowledge of Thy truth. Go forth with them, and enable them to preach Thy Gospel with power from on high. Give light to those in darkness. Touch the hearts of those who profess and call themselves Christians and make them Christians indeed. May all who name the name of Christ depart from iniquity and be zealous in all good works.

O Father, may all Thy children be taught of Thee this day. May they drink deeper into the saving truths of Thy Word! Fill them with an earnest desire

to save precious souls, and prepare Thy people for the Great Day of account.

Gracious God, fulfil Thine own promise, I beseech Thee, and make Thy Church a praise in the earth. Pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground. Increase the number of such as fear Thee. O bless the young in our families and in our Sunday-schools! Turn their hearts to Thyself in their early days. Make them as young plants growing by the river of life. Show them that Thy ways are ways of pleasantness and peace. Comfort this day all that mourn. Cheer with Thy presence those who are unable to go to Thy house. Be to them as a little Sanctuary in the chamber of sickness or affliction.

O Heavenly Father, hear these my humble petitions. Be with me through this day and every day of my earthly pilgrimage till I reach Thy kingdom and glory; grant this, I pray Thee, for the Redeemer's sake. Our Father, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

"He looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."—*Heb. xi. 10.*

O ETERNAL GOD, the Refuge and Strength of all who trust in Thee, may I close this sacred day in Thy presence. It has quickly gone, but may the remembrance of it remain with me through the coming week. Hasten my footsteps towards the rest that awaits Thy people. O give me the spirit of Thy servant of old ! May I ever look for a city which hath foundations, of which Thou art the Maker and the King !

O Father, teach me that I am a stranger and sojourner on earth. My years are spent as a tale that is told. Teach me so to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom. May I so pass through things temporal that finally I lose not the things eternal. O gracious and merciful Father, whilst here below may I know

Thine excellent loving-kindness. May I put my trust under the shadow of Thy wings. And when my time on earth is passed, may I find a place in that home where neither sin nor sorrow can ever come.

I pray Thee, O God, enable me to live as a citizen of Zion. Give me a heavenly mind, and help me to set my affections on things above. Adorn me with every grace of Thy Spirit. Renew me in the likeness of Christ, and make me holy, harmless, and undefiled. Clothe me in the fair raiment of His righteousness, and may I rejoice only in Him.

O Lord, make me very useful in Thy service. Keep me from all inconsistency, and make me in everything a true follower of Christ. Make me considerate for the welfare of those around me. Deliver me from all selfishness and self-will. Give me genuine sympathy for those in trouble, and make me wise in relieving their sorrows.

Heavenly Father, who art rich in mercy, and givest liberally to all who ask, bless all those who are near and dear to me. Lead them in the paths of righteousness,

and teach them by Thy Spirit to trust only in Jesus. May they know Him as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Be nigh to them in days of trial, and in the hour of death let Thy rod and Thy staff comfort them.

Finally, O Lord, my Saviour and my God, accept my hearty praises for all Thy goodness to me. I thank Thee for Thy dying love. I thank Thee that Thou hast forgiven all my sin. I thank Thee for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Help me evermore to praise Thee. In sorrow or in joy may I bless Thy name continually. And when my work is finished here, may I praise Thee, O loving Saviour, in Thine everlasting kingdom, for Thy name's sake. Our Father, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

What nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for ?—*Deut. iv. 7.*

O MERCIFUL LORD GOD, my Father in Christ, I bless Thee that Thou art nigh to all that call upon Thee. Be very nigh unto me this morning. Make me to ask such things as shall please Thee, and do Thou grant me abundantly according to Thy bounty and loving-kindness.

O Lord, teach me to know the joy of Thy presence. When I wake and when I sleep, be Thou continually with me. Be nigh in Thy good providence to order all things for my true welfare. Be nigh to uphold me with Thy hand and to shield me from all evil. Be nigh to pardon, to help, and to comfort me in every time of need.

O Thou Great High Priest of Thy Church, plead Thou my cause, and succour

me in the hour of temptation. Keep me from every evil thing. May I hate every thought of vanity and sin. Increase in me true religion. Fill me with Thy Spirit. Make me sincere and truthful in all I say. Teach me to care for the poor and needy, and may I keep myself unspotted from the world.

O gracious Saviour, support and comfort me whenever I am in trouble. Thou art touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Thou knowest every secret want and woe. To whom but to Thee can I go, when the deep waters of sorrow overwhelm me? O help me to bring every burden to Thee. Cheer me with Thy love while trial lasts. Humble me, and prove me, and do me good in my latter end. Draw my affections from all beside, and fix them on Thyself. Be Thou the Resting-place and Portion of my soul.

Most merciful Father, Thou hast commanded us to pray one for another. Bless our Queen, and give wisdom and grace to all in authority. Let Thy favour rest on our country. Let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end. Pour out Thy

Spirit on all ranks and degrees of men. Turn many to righteousness, and build up Thy Church amongst us. Make such as know Thee zealous in Thy service, and holy and consistent in their lives. Bring back to the remembrance of the hearers Thy Word spoken yesterday in Thy House. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts; cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

Accept, O Father, these my humble petitions. All through this week be Thou ever near, and for Thy name's sake teach me and guide me. Grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

"Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."—*Matt.* vi. 6.

ALMIGHTY GOD, my Heavenly Father, teach me to draw nigh to Thee, and do Thou draw nigh to me. I come to Thee in the name of Jesus, my only Mediator and Advocate. I bless Thee that Thou art ready to hear. O fulfil Thine own promise. Thou seest in secret. Thou knowest each secret desire. Bow down Thine ear and hear me. Make my heart Thy sanctuary. Enrich me with all the graces of Thy Spirit. In the day when all secrets are known, may I find an abundant answer to every petition.

I beseech Thee, most merciful Father, cleanse Thou me from secret faults. The darkness hideth not from Thee. Thou hast marked every unholy thought and .

every sinful imagination. O forgive me everything that Thine eye hath seen amiss. Forgive me every envious or unkind thought, every unjust suspicion and covetous desire. Fill me with Thy Spirit, and make me holy as Thou, God, art holy.

O gracious Saviour, kindle in my heart the spirit of true and genuine love. Thou hast loved me and given Thyself for me. May I believe Thy great love, and love Thee above all. Thou art worthy to be loved far above any creature. O that I may yield to Thee my best affections! May nothing steal my heart from Thee. Make me love Thee more and more, and may Thy love constrain me to live no longer to myself but to Thee. Take from me all unbelief, worldliness, and hardness of heart, and may Thy love be my joy on earth and my everlasting portion in Thy kingdom.

O Lord, send Thy Holy Ghost and endue me with tender charity toward all men. Give me fervent love to Thy people, and may I ever pray for them and seek their welfare. Give me true compassion for those that are ignorant and out of the

way. Make me wise to win souls, and enable me to speak a word in season to those that are far from Thee. May I take up my cross and follow Thee in this blessed work.

O my Father, hear these my prayers. Watch over me through the night, and keep me safely beneath Thy watchful care. Bless all I love, and give them every blessing I desire for myself. I ask it, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

"God is able to make all grace abound toward you ;
that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things,
may abound to every good work."—2 Cor. ix. 8.

O GOD, the God of all grace, I approach Thee this morning in the name of Jesus. Bow down Thine ear and hear me, for I am poor and needy. I thank Thee for Thy tender care through the past night. Be with me, and keep me as I go forth to the duties of this day. May I set Thee always before me, and whatsoever I do may I do it for Thy glory.

Heavenly Father, fulfil Thy promise and make all grace abound toward me. I have no power of myself to do anything aright. Without Thy continual help I cannot please Thee. But strengthen me according to Thy Word. Cleanse me from the sins and neglects of days gone by. Assure me of Thy forgiving love. Teach me henceforth to serve Thee better.

O Lord, give me grace sufficient for every duty, and enable me to overcome every temptation.

Most merciful Saviour, be Thou my Shepherd and Friend, and bring me daily nearer to Thyself. Draw me, and I will run after Thee. Give me the spirit of prayer. Through the toils and temptations of each day may I often lift up my heart to Thee. When Thou sayest, "Seek ye My face," may I ever say unto Thee, "Thy face, Lord, will I seek." O may I take on me Thy easy yoke and light burden. Day by day may I follow in Thy footsteps, and in everything learn of Thee. May I leave every care and trouble with Thee. Undertake for me at all times. If others are thoughtless or unkind, cheer me with Thy smile. If I am lonely and desolate, say unto me, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." May I come and tell Thee all my sorrows. Keep me always happy in Thy love. May I rejoice in Thee all my days.

O Lord Jesus, Thou wert ever holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners; make me holy as Thou art holy.

Keep me from the evil that is in the world. Make me watchful, and may I never go in the way of danger. Teach me to take up my cross daily and deny myself. Make me ready to give up my own will for the good of others.

O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, have mercy on those who are walking in the way of evil. Turn their hearts back again to Thyself. Guide those who desire to know and love Thee. Teach them out of Thy Word, and fulfil them with Thy Spirit.

Be nigh to all my relations and friends. Be Thou their God and Father evermore.

O Father, hear these my humble petitions. Thou knowest all I need, give to me according to Thy wisdom and Thy love. Through the day direct and control all I say or do. Bless me, and make me a blessing wherever I go, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."—*Phil.* iv. 6.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the God of peace and love, be merciful unto me this night, according to Thy Word. Receive me through Christ Thy well-beloved Son. He was made sin for us, that we might be accounted righteous in Him. For His sake, hide Thy face from my sin, and accept me as Thy dear child. Heal my backslidings. Love me freely, and let the dew of Thy grace ever rest upon me.

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth, I would acknowledge Thee in all my ways. I thank Thee heartily for Thy goodness in days past. May I trust Thee for all that is yet to come. Thou art the only wise God. O keep me from leaning on my own judgment, but do Thou guide

and direct me in all I do. Show me the way in which I ought to walk, and teach me always what I ought to do. Give me strength sufficient for my day, and uphold me in Thy paths.

Heavenly Father, enable me in everything to make my requests known unto Thee. Keep me from being careful about the future. Help me to do my duty day by day, and leave the issue in Thy hands. Thou knowest our frame, and rememberest that we are but dust. O deal with me in Thy pity and compassion, even as a father pitieth his children. Be Thou the helper of the helpless, and undertake for me in every trial and anxiety. Be Thou ever near me, and may I rejoice that Thou wilt make all things work together for good to those that love Thee.

Lord, I pray Thee, send me Thy Holy Spirit to renew and sanctify me. Thou knowest that I have too much loved the world, and that I have not loved Thee as I ought. May I henceforth give Thee my whole heart. Give me victory over my own besetting sin. . . . O deliver me from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy.

Gracious Father, keep me from envy, and hatred, and all uncharitableness. Set a watch before the door of my mouth, and may I never speak evil of others. Fill me with holiness, love, and peace, and prepare me for Thy Home above. May each night find me more like Jesus, and may I be ready to meet Him with joy at His coming.

O my Father, through the hours of the coming night keep me as the apple of Thine eye. May no harm come nigh this dwelling. Bless all I love, and make them truly Thine.

Grant these my humble petitions, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength . . . they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."—*Isa. lx. 31.*

O ETERNAL GOD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, help me to draw near to Thee with a true heart. May I come to Thee with boldness in the name of Christ. Behold Him pierced and wounded for my transgressions, and for His sake blot out all my iniquities. Receive me to Thy favour, and keep me through this day in peace and safety.

Most merciful Father, make me to go in the path of Thy commandments. I have no might or power to serve Thee, but my strength is in Thee. I wait upon Thee continually. Renew me day by day by Thy Holy Spirit. Uphold me by Thine own right hand. Increase my faith, and give me a firmer confidence in Thy promises.

O Thou God of love, pour into my heart greater love to Thy name. Fill me with lively hope, and may I mount upwards in holy joy and fervent desire for Thy grace. O may I run with patience the heavenly race, and never tire on the road to Zion. Lift me up whenever I fall, and make me watchful lest I grieve Thee by any wilful sin.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, make me mindful of every duty, especially in my own home. Make me active and diligent in the work I have to do. Keep me from any jealous or envious feeling. May the law of kindness be on my tongue. Teach me to remember the blessing that rests on the peacemaker, and make me gentle and forbearing toward all. Give me the charity that suffereth long and is kind. Through the grace of Thy Spirit make me ever ready to return good for evil, and to pray for any who deal unkindly toward me.

Most merciful Lord, cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church. Enlighten all Thy children by the teaching of Thy Spirit. Sanctify them by Thy truth, and bring them at length to those unspeak-

able joys which Thou hast prepared for those that unfeignedly love Thee.

O my Father, I thank Thee for Thy daily mercies. I thank Thee for Thy loving care over me. I thank Thee for every gift of Thy good providence. I thank Thee for Thy Holy Word and the knowledge of Thy Son Jesus Christ. O give me a heart full of gratitude to Thee, and teach me to show forth Thy praise by living to Thy glory. Hear me, O Father, and be with me through this day, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."—*Heb.* v. 16.

MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, I draw near to Thee again this night. I praise Thee for the many mercies of this day. I praise Thee for bringing me safely to its close. Thou hast given me strength for the duties I have had to perform. Be with me now, and guard me safely through the hours of darkness.

O Thou that hearest the prayers of Thy children, I thank Thee for the throne of grace to which Thou dost invite me. I thank Thee for the new and living way Thou hast opened through the blood of Christ. I thank Thee that He is now my Great High Priest, ever interceding for me. O teach me to come boldly into Thy presence, that I may pour out my heart before Thee. Quicken me by Thy Good

Spirit, that I may come to Thee with full assurance of faith. Even as a little child, may I look to Thee for all I need.

O Lord Jesus, Thou art touched with the feeling of our infirmities and carest for us in all cares. Help me ever to be looking unto Thee. Let Thy pardoning mercy cover all my sin. Thou knowest what I am. I have grieved Thee continually by my forgetfulness and coldness of heart. I have broken my best resolutions. I have yielded too often in the hour of temptation. In everything I have come short of serving Thee as I should. O loving Saviour, pardon all my misdeeds, wash me in Thy blood and I shall be whiter than snow.

Gracious Saviour, give me grace to help in each time of need. In days of comfort and prosperity, keep me from forgetting Thee and going back to the world. In days of trouble, keep me from murmuring and impatience, and may I know that Thou doest all things well. When I am tempted in any way to do wrong, stand by me, and help me to resist every snare.

Most merciful Lord, keep me from all evil, and save me to the uttermost.

Give me true zeal that I may abound in every good word and work. Work in me both to will and to do according to Thy good pleasure, and fill me with the joy of Thy salvation.

O God, behold in Thy Fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate. Let Thine everlasting arms be beneath them, and Thy Fatherly wing over them. This night be nigh unto me and all those I love. . . .

Waking or sleeping may I abide in fellowship with Thee. Refresh me with quiet sleep, and enable me to serve Thee better on the morrow, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"—*Luke xi. 13.*

O GOD, MY HEAVENLY FATHER, I come to Thee this morning in Thine own appointed way. I come to Thee through Him who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Sprinkle me afresh with His precious blood. Receive me for His sake in Thy tender love. Since He ever pleads for me, hear my prayers, and give me all I need.

O Father, I thank Thee that Thou art kinder than any earthly parent. Thou art more ready to give to those who ask Thee, than a father to give good things to his children. Increase my faith in Thy love. May I rest upon Thy care. Whatsoever I ask of Thee, may I look to receive according to Thy wisdom and Thy grace.

O God, I ask of Thee to-day the gift of Thy Spirit. Thou hast promised that He shall make His abode in the hearts of Thy children. Fulfil to me this Thine own promise. O send to me the Comforter, to convince me deeply of my sinfulness. Take from me the heart of stone, and give me the heart of flesh. Teach me and lead me into all truth. Reveal to me more of the love and grace of the Lord Jesus. May I know Him more and more. May I ever look to Him as mighty to save and help me, and may I trust Him for evermore.

O Holy Spirit, come and make my heart Thy dwelling-place! Cleanse it from all defilement, and make it Thine abode continually. Renew me in the likeness of Christ. Adorn me with humility, love, and holiness, and sanctify me wholly both in body and soul.

Almighty God, the God of all flesh, have mercy on those who are yet far from Thee. Turn the hearts of such as reject Thy Word. Open their eyes, and show them their error and their sin. Look upon those now living in the practice of evil. Make them hate their sins, and choose Thy

service as their delight. Pour out Thy Spirit upon all mankind. Awaken the thoughtless, and guide those who desire Thy salvation. Restore backsliders to Thy fold, and make all Thy children more perfectly to do Thy will.

O Father, hear my prayer, and be with me all through this day, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING. .

"God is love ; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."—1 *John* iv. 16.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD . GOD OF HOSTS, give me this night a due sense of Thy glorious Majesty. May I worship Thee with reverence and godly fear. But I would come to Thee with boldness, for Thou art my loving Father in Christ Jesus. O teach me to see my exceeding need and Thine own exceeding grace and bounty. For Christ's sake, O my Father, bring me very near to Thee, and enable me to trust Thee this night and always.

O Heavenly Father, Thy name is Love. I was far from Thee by wicked works, but Thou didst behold me in Thy mercy. I thank Thee for Jesus, as the propitiation for my sins, and for the sins of the whole world. I thank Thee for the gift of Thy Spirit. I thank Thee for the means of

grace and for the hope of glory. O may I love Thee, for Thou hast first loved me. Manifest Thy love to me more and more, and fill me with the spirit of gratitude and praise.

O blessed Saviour, may I ever abide in Thy love. Let Thy Spirit rest upon me, that I may trust Thy word and rejoice in Thy free salvation. Keep me in the sunshine of Thy presence, and may no wilful sin cause Thee to hide Thy face from me. May I seek Thy face continually, and never be weary of searching Thy Word. Make me to love Thy Holy Table, and prepare me from time to time to draw near in faith, that I may partake of the emblems of Thy dying love.

O Lord Jesus, teach me to love others as Thou hast loved me. May I forgive any who wrong me, as Thou hast forgiven me. May I bear with the infirmities of the weak. O keep me from all harsh judgments of the conduct of those about me. Make me ever ready to cover their failings with a cloak of charity. May I rather pray for them than speak hastily against them.

O Father, receive me to-night to Thy care. May I lie down in peace and sleep, for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety. Bless all I love, and watch over them for good.

Forgive me the sins and shortcomings of this day. According to Thy mercy, remember me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Hear me, O Father, and do for me better than I ask or think, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

"The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon
Him."—*Rom. x. 12.*

O MY FATHER, I come to Thee this morning to bless Thee for Thy goodness. Thou dwellest in the heavens, but Thou dost behold in mercy the children of men. I bless Thee for all Thy benefits. I bless Thee for Thy preserving care through another night. I bless Thee for the light and comfort of another day.

O God, renew to me Thy goodness through this day. Thou art good and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon Thee. For Thy dear Son's sake give me whatsoever I need. Give me a conscience free from guilt through the blood of Christ. Bestow upon me every grace of Thy Holy Spirit. I am but as a little child. I am weak and helpless in myself, and I cannot please without Thy special grace.

O Lord, help me every moment to do Thy will. Teach me to walk worthy of Thee unto all pleasing. May I watch against every sin. Mortify in me all selfishness, and pride, and self-will. Root out of my heart every wrong desire and everything that is contrary to Thy Word.

I beseech Thee, O Father, subdue in me every rebellious and murmuring thought. Clothe me with humility and love. Fill me with holy charity towards all men. May I ever be looking unto Jesus, and thus be conformed to His image, and changed from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord.

O Lord, I beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church. Let Thy Spirit descend upon us in larger measure, and banish from our midst all error and unbelief. Make Thy people fruitful in every good word and work. Regard in mercy those who have many temptations and few privileges. Be gracious to our soldiers, wherever their lot may be cast, and make them good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Remember our sailors with Thy favour. Keep them from storm and

tempest at sea, and the snares that beset them when they come on shore.

O Lord, have mercy upon all men. Show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives. Take beneath Thy special care the fatherless children and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed. Deal in tender mercy with all those in trouble and distress, and give them a happy issue out of all their afflictions.


O Father, hear these my humble petitions. Bless me this day, and bless all those for whom I would pray, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

"The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry."—Ps. xxxiv. 15.

UNTO THEE lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens. Thou delightest in the prayers of Thy children. May I delight to call upon Thy name. O Father, I am not worthy to come to Thee. My sins are increased, and my trespass has grown up unto the heavens. But I plead with Thee the name of Jesus. May His blood answer for my guilt. May His perfect righteousness cover all my unrighteousness. Only for His sake I ask Thee to regard me with favour and loving-kindness.

I bless Thee, O Father, that Thine eyes are ever upon Thy children for good. Thou knowest their sorrows. Thou dost mark every tear and every sigh, O teach me to trust Thee in every hour of trouble.



May I bring to Thee every want and care.
May I cast every burden on Thee, for Thou
wilt sustain me. Thou wilt hearken to
each secret cry. Thine ear will attend
to my humble petition. Come, blessed
Lord, and abide with me continually.
Hide not Thy face far from me. Put not
Thy servant away in anger. Leave me
not, neither forsake me, O God of my
salvation.

O Lord Jesus, I would look unto Thee
for all I need. Thine arm is mighty,
and Thy promise is sure. Bruise Satan
under my feet. Help me to resist every
temptation. Keep me from turning aside
to the right hand or to the left. Deliver
me from the snares of this present evil
world. May I never follow the example
of the ungodly, nor desire the sinful pleasures
which draw many from Thee. May
I love Thy holy day, and find a joy in the
study of Thy Word. O Saviour, do Thou
remind me that I am not my own. I have
been bought with Thy precious blood.
Fill me with Thy Spirit, that I may live
for Thee and yield up all I have to Thy
service.

Gracious Father, take me this night beneath Thy loving care. Thy loving-kindness is better than life. O may I put my trust beneath the shadow of Thy wing. Let Thy mercy embrace me on every side. Bless all my friends, and those who pray for me. Keep them from harm and danger. Cleanse them from all sin, and make them meet to be partakers of the inheritance of Thy saints.

O Lord, pardon whatever is amiss in my prayers, and fulfil all my petitions, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

**"The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night :
and God said, Ask what I shall give thee."—1 Kings
iii. 5.**

O MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS GOD, I
hear Thy voice this morning inviting
me to seek Thee. Thou art more ready
to hear than we to pray, and Thou dost call
me to Thy mercy-seat. O Father, teach
me to ask such things as are pleasing
to Thee. Increase my faith, that I may
believe Thy willingness to hear, and bow
down Thine ear and grant me above all I
ask or think.

Lord, I pray Thee, give me true wisdom.
Without Thee I go astray continually.
Guide me every moment by Thy counsel.
Let Thy Holy Spirit be my Teacher.
Unfold to me the treasures of Thy Word.
Make me to understand its precious
truths. Show me the evil and the danger
of sin.

O Father, give me a clear knowledge of Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Reveal to me the path of holiness, and enable me ever to walk in it.

Blessed Lord, my only hope and Saviour, may I look unto Thee for all wisdom, righteousness, and strength. Thou didst give Thyself for me to redeem me from all iniquity, and to purify me wholly for Thyself. Fulfil in me the purpose of Thy love. Forgive me through Thy blood all that has been amiss in days past, and help me to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Make me harmless and blameless, without rebuke, ever seeking to glorify Thy name. Fill me with Thy Spirit, that I may shine brightly for Thee. May I live with my loins girded about and my lights burning, looking for Thine appearing in the clouds of heaven.

O Lord God of Hosts, bless our country, and make Thy face to shine upon us. Let Thy favour rest on our Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Give wisdom to those in authority, and may they rule in Thy fear and love. Establish amongst us the true faith of Thy Holy

Word. Banish all profane swearing from our streets. Let Thy name be honoured and Thy holy Sabbaths be kept sacred for Thy service. Comfort all Thy sorrowing children. Turn the hearts of the careless and unbelieving. Pour forth Thy Spirit abundantly on all who minister Thy Word to-morrow, and increase the number of Thy people in our land.

O Heavenly Father, hear my prayer. Be with me this day and evermore, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

"It shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."—*Isa. lxxv. 24.*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, I come to Thee at the close of another week. Be Thou my refuge and strength amidst all the changes of this passing world. O Father, I cast myself upon Thy mercy in Christ Jesus. My debt is great, and I have nothing to pay. But I thank Thee that Jesus has paid my debt and borne my sin in His own body on the tree. For His sake receive me and bless me this night, and make Thy face to shine upon me.

Gracious Father, I bless Thee that Thy door of mercy is still open. Thou art waiting to be gracious. Thou hast promised to hear us even before we call, and to answer while we are yet speaking. Remember this word unto Thy servant. Give me the

spirit of prayer, that I may truly call upon Thee, and then open Thy hand and show Thyself rich in answering my petitions.

O Eternal God, make me to know how frail I am. My life passeth away like a shadow. Day by day and week by week my time is running out. Teach me to use well the days that remain. May I seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness. Give me a sure hope that will never make me ashamed. Keep me from all sin, and create in me a new and contrite heart. Enable me to fix my hope on Jesus only. Let His blood and righteousness be the ground of all my confidence. O Father, fill me with Thy Spirit, and may I rejoice in Jesus as my unchangeable Friend and Saviour.

Lord of all power and might, look down in mercy on Thy Church. May the Holy Ghost the Comforter be present to-morrow in all the assemblies of Thy people. May Thy Word be proclaimed with power, and may many souls be led to Jesus. Strengthen and comfort Thine own people, and prosper the labours of all who work in Thy vineyard.

O Thou that art the Hope of all the ends of the earth, raise up faithful labourers to preach Thy Word amongst the heathen. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth into every land. Let Thy Spirit go before and prepare the hearts of the people. Turn them from idols to serve Thee, the Living and the true God. Let the name of Jesus be precious to multitudes, and may His Kingdom advance and spread.

O Lord God, be nigh and hear these my prayers. Keep me and all I love beneath Thy watchful care, for Jesus Christ's sake. Our Father, &c.

Occasional Prayers.

Before Reading the Bible.

For the New Year.

For a Birthday.

For the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

For Missions to the Heathen.

Short Petitions for Mid-day.

Four Prayers for Holiness from St. Paul's Epist'les.

Before Taking a Journey.

Before and After a Voyage at Sea.

A Prayer in Trouble, from Jeremiah.

In Bereavement.

In Time of Sickness.

In Prospect of Death.

Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child.

For Parents.

For a Visitor to the Poor.

For a Sunday-School Teacher.

For a Young Person in Service.

For an Anxious Inquirer.

After Confirmation.

Before Coming to the Holy Communion.

For Purity.

Against Intemperance.



Prayer before Reading the Bible.

HEAVENLY FATHER, I thank Thee for the precious jewel of Thy Holy Word. I thank Thee that every portion of it is given by the inspiration of Thy Spirit, and is profitable for my instruction in the way of life.

O merciful Lord, send to me Thy Spirit to guide me into all truth. Shine upon every page, and teach me whatsoever I need to know. Open my eyes to behold the wonders of Thy love and mercy. Out of Thy Word reveal to me my exceeding sinfulness, and bring me in true humility to Thy footstool. Show to me the glory of Christ. May I learn more of His free grace and of His full salvation. Point me to Him as my only Hope and Saviour. Through Thy Word may I trust wholly in Him, and grow more like Him in holiness and love.

O Father, may I search Thy Word continually and prize it more than all the treasures of the world. Keep me from reading any book which will take away my delight in it, and keep me from everything in my daily life that is contrary to its precepts. O make Thy Word to me a living word, and may those about me see that I follow its holy teaching.

Hear me, O Father, and be Thou my teacher, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For the New Year.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, Thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens and Thy faithfulness unto the clouds. In Jesu's name I come to Thee at the beginning of another year. How can I praise Thee as I ought for all Thy tender care in years that are past? Surely goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life.


Be Thou my everlasting Refuge. May I enter upon this new year accepted in the Beloved, and cleansed from every sin of past years. Whatever may happen in the future I would leave with Thee. I would commit to Thee every want and every care. Do Thou take charge of me both in body and soul. Teach me to profit, and lead me by the way that I should go. O guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

O God, the only wise God, Thou only knowest the path that lies before me. If

this year should be my last, prepare me for the great change. Give me a sure hope in Jesus which nothing can shake. May I ever rest upon Him who is "the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever."

O gracious Saviour, be Thou my All. In health or sickness, in life or death, be Thou my shelter and my safeguard. Keep me ever by Thy side, and when the shadows of earth pass away, may I see Thy glory and be with Thee where Thou art.

O Lord Jesus, help me through this coming year to bear more fruit for Thy name. May I not be like the barren fig-tree, only fit for the axe; but may I be a fruitful bough filled with the fruits of righteousness and watered continually with the dew of Thy blessing. Fill me with love to Thee and with unselfish kindness toward all around me. Comfort me, and by Thy Holy Spirit stablish me in every good word and work, for Thy name's sake. Amen.



For a Birthday.

O ETERNAL GOD, my Father and my Friend, I praise Thee for Thy goodness and loving-kindness toward me. I would remember all the way that Thou hast led me, and bless Thee for every token of Thy fatherly care.

I thank Thee, O Father, for preserving me through every danger of my past life. I thank Thee for sparing me to enter upon another year. I thank Thee for all the promises of Thy Word which Thou hast given to cheer and sustain me.

O Heavenly Father, keep me henceforth in Thy fear and love. As I look back on my sins, and failures, and neglects, in days gone by, assure me of Thy forgiving mercy; through Him who bore my sins in His own body on the tree, wash them all away, and accept me for His name's sake.

Help me, O Lord, to spend well the days or years that yet remain. My days on earth are as a shadow. My life is as

nothing before Thee. But teach me, O Lord, to live ever as in Thy sight. I give myself afresh to Thee this day. I lay myself and all that I have at Thy feet. May I be wholly Thine. May Thy Spirit sanctify me both in body and soul. Make me more holy, and happy, and useful than I have ever been before. From this day do Thou bless me indeed, and make me a blessing wherever I go. Guide and direct me in all my ways, and uphold me with Thine own right hand. Support and comfort me in every sorrow. Never leave me nor forsake me, but bring me in safety to Thy kingdom.

O Father, teach me to trust in Thee at all times, and when life is over may I sit down for ever with Thee in Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look down in mercy on Thy Church. I come to claim the promise of Thy Spirit. Thou hast promised to send down the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, upon Thy people. In the name of Jesus, our ascended High Priest, I beseech Thee, fulfil Thine own word. O Heavenly Father, let Thy Blessed Spirit come as the rain and the dew from above. Fill Thy ministering servants with the spirit of wisdom, and zeal, and power. Endue them with tender compassion for the souls of men, and strengthen them with might to go forth everywhere to testify of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. May the love of Christ constrain them to live for Him, and to abound in every good word and work.

Come, O north wind, and blow, O south, upon the garden of the Lord. Drive away all ignorance, error, superstition, and unbelief. May the fruits of righteousness

increase and abound, and may those who love Thee be of one heart and mind in Thy service.

O Lord Jesus, have mercy on all those who have no mercy on themselves. Awaken the careless. Convince the sinner. Turn to Thyself those who are far astray. O pour water on those that are thirsty, and floods on the dry ground. O bless the young. Pour Thy Spirit on the children of Thy servants, and Thy blessing on their offspring. Give power and success to the teaching of Thy Word in our day and Sunday schools, and guide the footsteps of many a young pilgrim into the way of peace.

Blessed Lord, who hast all power in heaven and in earth, revive Thy work in the midst of the days. Reveal Thy mighty arm, and let Thy Spirit work mightily in Thy Church. Deepen the life of Thy children, and fill them with all joy and peace in believing. Bring in multitudes within Thy fold, and glorify Thy name more and more, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

A Prayer for Missions to the Heathen.

O GOD, Thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, prosper Thy Word and send forth the Gospel of Thy salvation to every part of the world. O Lord, Thou hast given Thy Son Jesus Christ to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel. Thou hast bidden us preach Thy Gospel to every creature. We wait upon Thee, O Lord, for the power and grace we need. Give Thou the word, and great shall be the company of the preachers. By Thy Holy Spirit raise up many to carry the message of Thy salvation to Jew and Gentile. Fit them for their great work. Send down Thy heavenly light into their minds, and endue them with constant zeal to proclaim Thy truth.

O Lord, break down every hindrance, and may Thy Word have free course and run and be glorified. May every idol fall and every prejudice be subdued before the power of Thy Gospel. Dispose many to come and learn from Thy servants, and

said unto Thee, "Thy face, Lord, will I seek." Hide not Thy face far from me, put not Thy servant away in anger. Thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, Thou God of my salvation.

Hear me, O Lord, when I cry with my voice; have mercy also upon me, and answer me. In the time of trouble do Thou hide me in the secret place of Thy Tabernacle. O Lord, set me up upon a rock. I will sing praises unto Thee, O God, for I shall see Thy goodness, and Thy mercy endureth for ever. Amen.

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SHOW Thy marvellous loving-kindness, Thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in Thee, from such as resist Thy right hand. O hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. Keep me from the paths of the destroyer. May I behold Thy face in righteousness, and be satisfied when I wake up in Thy likeness. Amen.

4.

HEAR my cry, O God, attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee when my heart is overwhelmed : Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I. Be Thou my strong habitation whereunto I may always resort. Be Thou my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; for in Thee do I trust. O prepare mercy and truth which may preserve me. So will I sing praises unto Thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows. For the sake of Thine Anointed, fulfil all my petitions. Amen.

5.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord; hear me, for I am poor and needy. Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto Thee daily. Rejoice the soul of Thy servant, for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Teach me Thy way, O Lord; I will walk in Thy truth. Knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear Thy name.

Thou, O Lord God, art a God full of compassion and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. O Turn unto me, and have mercy upon me. Give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save him who trusteth in Thee. Show me a token for good, and help me and comfort me, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

*Prayers for Holiness, adapted from
St. Paul's Epistles.*

I.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant me, according to the riches of Thy glory, to be strengthened with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man. May Christ dwell in my heart by faith. Being rooted and grounded in love, may I be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. O Lord, fill me with all the fulness of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and for His sake do for me exceeding abundantly above all that I ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto Thee shall be the glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

2.

O GOD, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give unto me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Grant that the eyes of my understanding may be enlightened, that I may know what is the hope of Thy calling; and what is the riches of the glory of Thine inheritance in the saints. Manifest toward me the exceeding greatness of Thy power, which Thou hast wrought in the resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ. O Lord, I pray that my love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment. Grant that I may approve the things which are excellent, and that I may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ. May I be filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, and may I thus live to Thy praise and glory for His sake. Amen.

3.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may I be filled with the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. May I walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of Thee. Strengthen me with all might, according to Thy glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering, with joyfulness. O Thou God of Hope, fill me with all joy and peace in believing, that I may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

4.

O THOU very God of peace, sanctify me wholly. I pray that my whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless to the end. Fulfil in me all the good pleasure of Thy goodness and the work of faith with power.

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May the name of the Lord Jesus be glorified in me and I in Him, according to Thy grace. O Lord, make me to increase and abound in love toward Thy saints and toward all men, and do Thou stablish my heart unblamable in holiness before Thee, at the coming of the Lord Jesus with all His saints. Amen.

Before Taking a Journey.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, my Guardian and my King, I ask Thee to protect and keep me during the journey I am about to take. For the sake of Thy dear Son, be Thou ever near me as my Father and my God. Thou art the watchful Keeper of Thy people. Thou dost never slumber nor sleep. O preserve me, I beseech Thee, from all danger and evil on the right hand and on the left. Be Thou my shield and my strong habitation. May I ever flee to Thee, and may I be assured that Thou wilt never fail me.

Gracious Father, grant me Thy peace wherever I go, and may I serve Thee with a quiet mind. Prosper me in my journey, whatever be its object. Comfort and refresh me, if I go for rest and recreation. Give me wisdom and strength for any duty I am called to perform. Give me a word in season to cheer any burdened heart; and may I be able to add to the

enjoyment of those I meet. When alone or with others may I ever see Thee beside me. Give me the spirit of kindness and sympathy, and may both my words and my life bear witness for Thee.

O Father, at all times and in all places may I glorify Thee. Bless me and make me a blessing in the home where I stay. May I leave behind a savour of Christ, and may His name be exalted through me. May I never be ashamed to own Him as my Master, and teach me ever to walk in His footsteps. May I honour Thy holy day and Thy Word, and give me some token that my journey has not been in vain.

O Father, hear me and bless me, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Before a Voyage at Sea.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who holdest the winds in Thy hands, and rulest the raging of the sea, I commit myself to Thy care. If Thy presence go not with me, suffer me not to go forth on this voyage, for I have no help but in Thee. O Father, be Thou very nigh to protect us both by night and by day. Preserve us from fire and storm and every other danger. Guard both the passengers and the crew, and keep us ever in Thy holy fear.

O mighty Saviour, who didst still the waves and say to them, "Peace, be still," teach us that Thy power is still the same. Be with us in the ship, and should any sudden fear arise, enable us to turn to Thee and rely upon Thine aid.

Give unto all on board the spirit of true religion. May Thy Word be honoured and Thy holy day observed. Give me grace to be useful during the voyage. Both by

word and example may I do good, and not harm, to those about me.

O gracious Saviour, give us a favourable voyage, and bring us in peace and safety to our journey's end. And as I pass through the waves of this troublesome world, be Thou my Refuge and Strength, and when life is past may I reach the haven of eternal rest, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

After a Safe Voyage.

O MIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD and Father, I bless and praise Thee for Thy faithful care over me. I bless Thee for bringing us in safety through the perils of the deep. I bless Thee for Thy merciful hand which has been over us for good. O that I may praise Thee for Thy goodness, and for Thy wonderful works toward the children of men !

Gracious Father, for Thy dear Son's sake, be with me now on the dry land, as Thou hast been on the sea. Suffer me not to forget Thy tender loving-kindness. Stir up my heart to love and serve Thee more than ever before.

O Father, Thou hast preserved my life from many dangers. May that life be wholly given unto Thee. Forgive all that is past, and cast my sins into the depths of the sea. May the blood of Christ cleanse me from all guilt. Henceforth let Thy Blessed Spirit rule in my heart.

• May my peace be as a river, and my righteousness as the waves of the sea. Make me to excel in every Christian grace, and to abound in all good works.

O Heavenly Father, hear this my prayer, and fill me with holy joy and gratitude to Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

*A Prayer in Trouble, gathered from the
Prophecy of Jeremiah.*

O HOPE of Israel, our Saviour in time of trouble, why shouldest Thou be to us as a stranger? Why shouldest Thou be as a mighty man that cannot save? Yet Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us. We are called by Thy name. Leave us not. O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do Thou it for Thy name's sake. For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against Thee. O Lord, my Strength and my Fortress, be Thou my Refuge in the day of affliction. Heal me, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for Thou art my praise. O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring me to nothing. O Lord God, behold Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy stretched-out arm, and nothing is too hard for Thee. Thou showest loving-kindness unto thousands. Great in counsel and mighty in

work, Thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the children of men. O Lord, I call upon Thee. Do Thou answer me, for Thy name's sake, and show me great and mighty things, according to Thy loving-kindness. Amen.

*Under the Loss of a Child, or near Relative
or Friend.*

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in Thee, and under the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge until these calamities be overpast. O Father, I call upon Thee in my trouble, for none else can comfort me. I know not where to look but to Thee. Be Thou my shield and hiding-place. Draw me near to Thyself, and enable me to cast my burden upon Thee.

O Thou Friend of sinners, Thou wert anointed to bind up the broken-hearted and to comfort all that mourn. O Lord, fulfil this Thy good pleasure. Put away every sin that would hide from me the light of Thy countenance. Clothe me in Thy spotless righteousness, and help me to lean on Thine everlasting arm. Be Thou my stronghold in this day of trouble. Be Thou to me as a Brother born for adversity,

and as a Friend that loveth at all times. Leave me not to my own sorrowful thoughts, but help me to stay myself on Thy sure and faithful promise.

Blessed Jesus, may I think of Bethany and all Thy love to the mourning sisters. Thou didst weep by the grave, and Thou art still the same. In all our afflictions Thou art afflicted. Thou art full of sympathy for all who turn to Thee. O Saviour, think of me and plead for me in my trouble. In the loss of one so dear, O may I find my all in Thee. Sanctify this trial to me. Make me to care less for the world, and more for Thee. Show me the sins by which I have grieved Thee, and may Thy Blessed Spirit take up His abode in my heart. Make me submissive to Thy holy will. Teach me to believe that all is done in wisdom and love. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord!

O Lord, raise my heart to the blessed Home of Thy saints. Prepare me for those unspeakable joys Thou hast prepared for such as love Thee. I thank and praise Thee for that land of joy and hope.

I thank Thee for all Thy servants departed this life to share its blessedness. O Father, keep me from the evil of this present world, and then bring me to the City where sin and sorrow are unknown, and where tears and temptations can never come.

O God, accept these my petitions, and be Thou ever with me, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A Prayer in Time of Sickness.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou art a merciful God. Thou dost not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men. Teach me to trust in Thee, even when Thou chastenest me. Teach me to see my sins laid on Jesus, and for His name's sake assure me of Thy favour and loving-kindness.

O Lord, in weakness and suffering be Thou at my right hand. Help me to bear with patience each trying hour. Whatever cross of pain or weariness Thou dost appoint, O keep me from distrusting Thy love or murmuring at Thy dealings with me. O Father, may I ever lean on Thee, and wait on Thee, till Thou dost relieve and comfort me. Fulfil in me the purpose of this correction. Give me a humble spirit, and a clearer sight of my sin and unworthiness. Lay me low at Thy footstool as I remember my own vileness, but lift me up in hope and joy as I remember

Thine exceeding mercy. Bind me closer to the Saviour.

O blessed Jesus, I would ever hide myself in Thee until every storm of life is past. Remind me of Thine own bitter anguish which Thou didst bear for my sake, and may I know that Thou dost care for me. Be Thou ever at hand to cheer me by Thy sympathy and love. If it be Thy will, restore me again to health and strength, and may I use the rest of my life better than that which is past. Make me live for eternity. The present life is but for a moment : O that I may so pass through things temporal, that finally I lose not the things eternal ! In sickness and in health let Thy Spirit ever abide with me, and may I glorify Thy name continually both in life and in death.

O Saviour, glorify Thyself in me, and may I at last behold Thy glory and dwell with Thee in Thy kingdom, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Prayer in the Prospect of Death.

O ETERNAL GOD, I flee to Thy mercy as my Refuge and my Hope. I dare not trust in anything I have done. My best days have been full of sin. O God, save me and deliver me, for Thy mercy's sake. Wash me from every sin in the blood of Jesus. Look upon me, O Father, in Him. May His righteousness cover every spot and stain of evil.

Blessed Saviour, help me to rest in Thee. In this solemn hour be Thou very nigh to me, and hide me in Thy wounded side. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; grant me Thy peace! Say to my soul, I am Thy salvation! Comfort and cheer me with Thy presence. When I pass through the river, do Thou be with me. Let not the waters overflow me. O keep me from all doubt and fear, and may I stay my soul on Thee. May Thy sure promise be the pillow of my soul! O Lord Jesus, Thou art the Resurrection

and the Life. Whosoever believeth on Thee shall never die. O keep me still trusting in Thee. May Thine everlasting arms be underneath me. Hold me up, that I sink not. O Saviour, bring me safely to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with Thee, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving after the Birth of a Child.

O MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS FATHER,
I give Thee hearty thanks for Thy great mercies toward me. Thou hast heard the voice of my prayer, and saved me in the hour of danger. I found trouble and heaviness, but Thou didst succour and help me.

O Lord, what shall I render unto Thee for all Thy benefits toward me? Grant that I may ever love and praise Thee and call upon Thy name. May I yield to Thee afresh the life which Thou hast preserved. Endue me day by day with Thy Holy Spirit, that I may look unto Jesus as my righteousness and strength. Teach me to serve and please Thee more and more, and may I live only to glorify Thee.

O Father, I bless Thee for the precious gift Thou hast committed to my charge. Give Thy special blessing to this little one. From *his* earliest days may *he* be filled with Thy Spirit. Make *him* wholly Thine.

As years advance, may *he* grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of Thee.

O Lord, may I nurse this little one for Thee. Give me grace to train *him* up in the way *he* should go. O Thou Good Shepherd, teach me to follow in Thy footsteps, and make my life a pattern that my child may safely copy. Be Thou evermore *his* Guide and Protector. Keep *him* in Thy narrow way. Bring *him* at length to Thy fold above, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

A Parent's Prayer.

O GOD, the God of all the families of Thy people, I pray Thee, send Thy blessing on the children whom Thou hast given me. I would give them back to Thee, and beseech Thee to enrich them with Thy grace. O Lord, Thy promise is true, and Thou hast said, "I will pour My Spirit on thy seed and My blessing on thine offspring." Fulfil this Thy Word. For Jesus' sake do Thou bless them indeed. Bestow on them Thy Good Spirit. Touch the heart of . . . and . . . and . . . and lead them to Thyself. May they learn to love the Saviour's name and to follow in His footsteps. Draw them to Thyself by the cords of Thy love. Show them the happiness of Thy service. O teach them the blessedness of those that early seek Thee. May their whole life be gladdened with Thy presence.

O God, who givest wisdom to those who Thee, make me wise in training my

children for Thee. Teach me the solemn responsibility that lies upon me. Give me grace to live before them as a Christian should. Keep me from putting any stumbling-block in their path. Keep me from any word or action that may bring a reproach on Thy name, and help me to adorn Thy Gospel by the beauty of a holy life. Save me from all haste and passion when they do amiss, and make me ever gentle and kind in my dealings with them. May I never discourage them by needless harshness, but make me firm in keeping my word toward them.

O Father, keep us all in Thy fear and love. May the voice of joy and praise be ever heard in our home. May none of its members be absent in the day when Thou dost make up Thy jewels. Grant these my petitions, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For a Visitor Amongst the Poor.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou hast ascended to the Father's right hand as a Prince and a Saviour. Be Thou my Saviour and my King. May I trust Thee for all I need, and faithfully serve under Thy banner. O Lord, make me a good soldier of Thy cross. May I never be ashamed of Thy name, and may I strive to set forward Thy kingdom and Thy glory.

O Lord, it is written in Thy Word that "they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever." Fulfil to me this blessed promise. May I labour to win souls for Thee. Let Thy Good Spirit rest upon me and quicken my love and zeal in Thy service. Make all grace abound toward me that, having all-sufficiency in all things, I may abound in every good word and work.

Blessed Saviour, I rest on Thy promise—
"Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end

of the world." Be Thou ever with me when I go forth to sow the seed of Thy Word, and to speak to others in Thy name. Give me the spirit of wisdom, meekness, and long-suffering. May I know when to speak and when to be silent. Let Thy Spirit ever go before me and dispose the hearts of sinners to receive Thy truth. O Lord, do Thou ever stand by my side and suggest and control the words I utter. Fill me with the joy of Thy salvation, and out of a full heart may I tell others of Thy willingness and power to save.

O Lord, I beseech Thee, raise up many to work for Thee, and prosper every effort that is made in Thy name. At the day of Thy coming may I be found with my loins girded and lights burning. May I hear Thy voice saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord." O hear this my prayer, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

For a Sunday-School Teacher.

O LORD, MY HEAVENLY FATHER, I thank Thee that Thou hast called me to be a worker in Thy vineyard. Endue me with Thy Holy Spirit and enrich me with Thy heavenly grace, that I may be faithful in my work and never grow weary in Thy service.

O loving Saviour and Redeemer, fill me with unfeigned love to Thee. Thou knowest all things. Thou knowest every heart. I pray Thee, help me to trust Thee with my own salvation and to love Thee more and more. May I diligently feed Thy lambs, and lead them to Thee, the Good Shepherd. Stir up my heart in tender compassion for such as are careless and thoughtless. Teach me day by day out of Thy Word, that I may know how to teach them. Make me careful to put no hindrance in their way by my own life or conduct. Keep me from all vanity and love of dress and display—anything that

might be a stumbling-block in their path. May I never by word or deed cause them to reject Thy Word, but may I recommend Thy Gospel by everything I say and do.

O God, give me the spirit of prayer. Make me delight in drawing near to Thee, that I may be able to teach the children to pray in sincerity and truth. I know that without faith and prayer my work will be in vain. Lord, increase my faith, and quicken me that I may call upon Thy name.

O Father, it is not Thy will that one of these little ones should perish. Bless every one of them (*name the children*) and lead them early to Thyself. Make them willing to learn, and then help them to practise what they know. May they love the name of Jesus and walk in His footsteps. May they be loving and obedient to their parents and kind one to the other. Wash them in the precious blood of Jesus, and preserve them to Thy heavenly kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A Prayer for a Young Person in Service.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, teach me ever to look up to Thee as a little child. Through the Saviour's blood forgive me all my sins, and may I ever rely on Thy Fatherly care. Thou hast placed me where I am. Thou hast appointed for me the work I have to do. Lord, help me to do it for Thee, and to act in everything as Thy servant. May I not strive most to please myself or my fellow-creatures, but to please Thee, who triest the heart. Give me Thy Holy Spirit more and more. Help me to love Thee best of all, for Thou hast loved me. May I look to Thy favour as my great reward ; and when anything troubles me, may I fly to Thee as my only refuge.

O Saviour, be Thou my righteousness and strength ! Show me Thy ways, and make me to walk in Thy footsteps. Keep me from all sin and evil. Keep me from every wicked word and thought. Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity,

and make me faithful and true in all my ways. Make me to hate all slander and evil-speaking, and may I ever be kind and gentle toward all. May I never hearken to the persuasions of the wicked. May I be careful over the use of my time. Save me from the love of dress, and from the pleasures of sin, which are but for a moment.

O Lord, I pray Thee, bless (*my fellow-servants and*) all that belong to this family. Make every one a true Christian, and may every one in this home be found at last in the Father's house.

O Saviour, make me pure in heart, that I may see Thee in Thy kingdom. Give me a delight in Thy Word, and may I choose that good part which shall never be taken from me. Lord Jesus, be Thou to me as a Friend that loveth at all times, and bring me safely through every temptation, and may I be with Thee where Thou art for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for an Anxious Inquirer.

O GOD, the merciful God, I come to Thee in my trouble and distress. My guilt is very great in Thy sight. My sins are more than I can tell. I dare not hide anything from Thee, for Thou knowest me altogether.

O Father, for Thy dear Son's sake, be merciful unto me according to Thy Word. Give me a broken and a contrite heart, and show to me whatever I have done amiss. O God, pardon all my sins and blot them out of Thy Book. Not for my repentance or prayers, but only for Jesus' sake, freely forgive me and deal with me according to Thy loving-kindness.

O Lord Jesus, my only Saviour, I flee to Thee and look to Thee alone for all I need. Thou hast died for sinners and therefore for me. Thou art able to save to the uttermost, therefore Thou canst save me. O save me, or I perish! O save me from the power of my sins and

deliver me from every evil habit! Keep me from all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Fulfil to me Thine own promise, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in nowise cast out."

O Lord, I believe! help Thou mine unbelief. None are too bad for Thee. None are beyond the power of Thy grace. O teach me to trust Thee utterly! Welcome me just as I am, and supply my every want. Blessed Jesus, I cannot change my own heart or atone for the very least of my sins. But Thou canst do all. Give me true repentance. Wash me in Thy blood. Fill me with Thy Spirit. Renew me in Thine own image. Work in me both to will and to do after Thy good pleasure.

O Lord, accept this my prayer. Thou dost listen to every sigh or groan. My desire is not hid from Thee. In Thy wondrous love do Thou receive me now to Thy favour and bring me to everlasting life, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

*After Confirmation, or any special Season of
Dedication to God's Service.*

DEFEND, O Lord, me Thy child with Thy heavenly grace, that I may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit ever more and more, until I come to Thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

O Father, I am Thine and Thine alone. Thou hast made me for Thyself. Thou hast preserved me all my life through by Thy watchful care. Thou hast redeemed and saved me by the precious blood of Thy dear Son. Let Thy Spirit rest upon me, and teach me that I am not my own. I would yield myself to Thee as a living sacrifice to be wholly given to Thy service.

O God, cleanse my heart from every evil thing, and incline me to live to Thee alone. Make it my delight to please Thee in all I do. Make it my meat and drink to do Thy will, for that will is Love. May I

find that Thy service is perfect freedom. O Saviour, may I wear Thine easy yoke continually, and resist every temptation of the world, the flesh, and the devil!

Blessed Lord, glorify Thyself in me. Fulfil in me all the good pleasure of Thy goodness and the work of faith with power. Increase my faith, that I may trust Thee at all times. Kindle my love toward Thee, that I may rejoice in Thee above every earthly object. Give me, for a helmet, the hope of Thy coming kingdom. Make me zealous in every good work and especially in winning souls for Thee.

Lord Jesus, I cast myself upon Thee for all I need. Thou knowest my weakness. Thou knowest my proneness to go back to the world. Only Thy hand can sustain and uphold me. Loving Saviour, be Thou my constant Guide and Protector. Establish me by Thy Spirit. Make me a vessel unto honour, very useful in Thy service. Prepare me for Thine own glorious appearing and set me at Thy right hand for ever. O Lord, let this my petition be ever before Thee, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Before Coming to the Holy Communion.

O LORD JESUS, Thou hast bidden me come to Thy Table in remembrance of Thy dying love. I would obey Thy call. Bring me to Thy banqueting-house, and may Thy banner over me be Love. May I come with a joyful heart, and do Thou draw me very near to Thyself.

Gracious Saviour, send to me Thy Spirit, that I may know more of Thine exceeding love and the innumerable benefits Thou hast purchased for me by Thy blood. Give me Thy Spirit, as the Spirit of remembrance, that I may think of Thy blessed promises. Lord, feed me with the bread of life ! By faith on Thee may my soul be strengthened and refreshed as I partake of the bread and wine. Lift up my heart to Thee, my glorified and ascended Saviour, and plead Thou my cause at the Father's right hand. Come, Lord, and manifest Thyself to me as Thou dost not unto the world ! May I see Thee present by my

side and do Thou speak to me a word of peace and consolation. Make me to rejoice in Thy salvation. I adore and praise Thee, that Thou hast loved me and washed me from my sins in Thine own blood. O may I love Thee more and more!

O Lord Jesus, teach me to honour Thee when I leave Thy Table. Make me very watchful and consistent in my daily walk. Let none speak evil of Thy name through my fault. O that I may be lowly and loving and in everything like Thee! Teach me to deny myself for the sake of others, and may I gladly yield myself and all I have to Thy service! Give me the spirit of kindness and forbearance towards those who join with me at Thy Table, and whenever I can, may I be ready to do them good.

O Lord Jesus, fill me with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and bring me to Thy marriage Supper in Thy kingdom, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

A Prayer for Purity.

O HOLY AND MERCIFUL GOD, help me to draw nigh to Thee in the name of Jesus. Teach me to remember that without holiness no man can see Thy face, and that no unclean thing can enter into Thy presence. O Lord, I humble myself before Thee. Behold, I am vile, what shall I answer Thee? Thou knowest how far I have gone astray. Cleanse me from every spot and stain of evil through the blood of Christ. Give me true repentance for all that is past. Bestow on me the continual aid of Thy Spirit, that I may crucify the flesh and mortify the deeds of the body.

O God, my Father, help me to flee from youthful lusts and rather to die than sin against Thee. Remind me that my body is the temple of Thy Spirit, and may I never defile it by anything polluting or unchaste.

O Saviour, who once didst suffer being ~~tempted~~ tempted, Thou art able to succour those

that are tempted. Lord, keep me from sin in whatever form it may assault me. Keep me from the look that is evil, and turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity. May I never utter a word that may do harm, nor listen to a word that may injure my own soul. Keep me from the tongue of the flatterer, and from the persuasion of the wicked. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the power of Thy Spirit, and renew in me a right spirit.

Blessed Master, be Thou ever near me, and keep me from every snare. O keep me from the sin whose end is bitter as wormwood and sharper than any two-edged sword. Fill me with love to Thyself. Adorn my life with every Christian grace and virtue. Bruise Satan under my feet, and bring me to Thy kingdom, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Prayer against Intemperance.

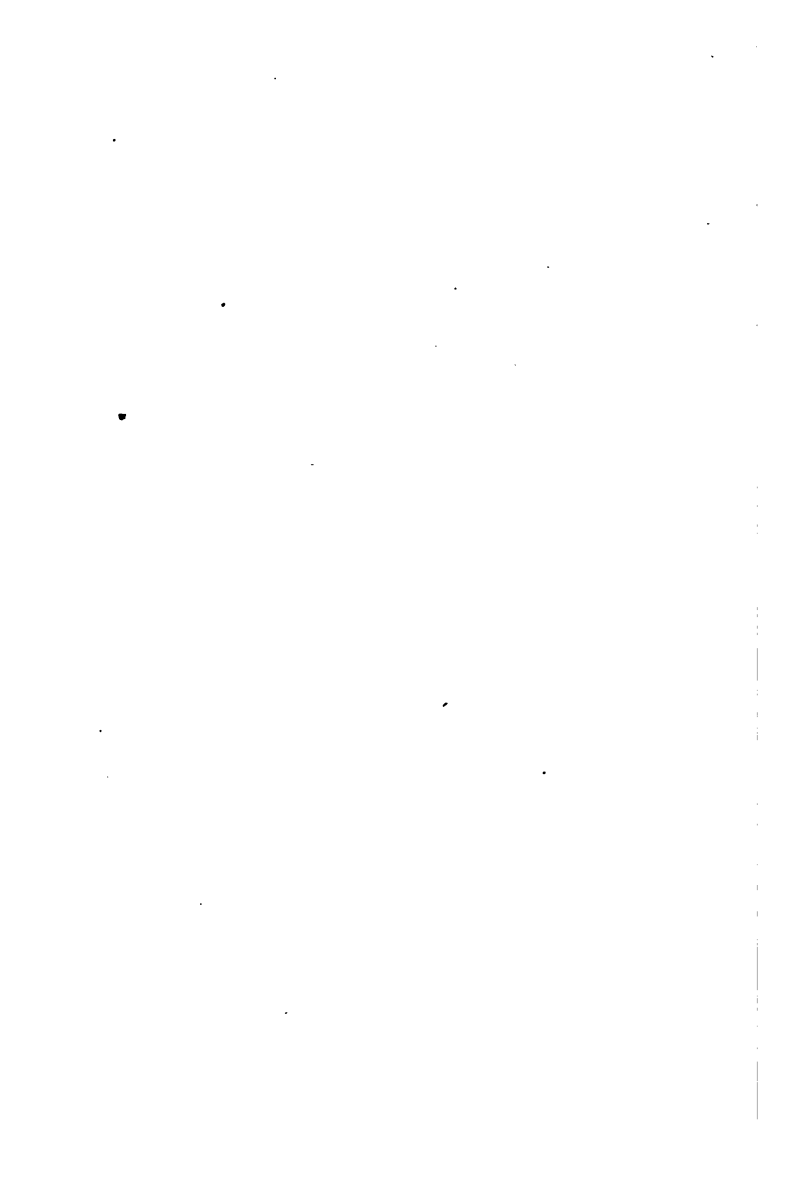
O MERCIFUL GOD, I am ashamed to come before Thee, for I have sinned. I have fallen by my iniquity, and I have no power to rise. But in Thee is my help. There is forgiveness with Thee through Christ. For His sake pardon all that is past, and give me grace to live a new life.

O Lord, Thou hast bidden us deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. Thou hast commanded us to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. I look to Thee for power to do this. Make me very watchful against the approach of temptation. Keep me from any company where I may be in danger. May I never go into places and scenes where I shall be likely to fall.

Blessed Saviour, I look to Thee to keep me day by day. Thou didst refuse to turn stones into bread to satisfy Thy hunger. Thou didst suffer thirst by the well of Samaria and on the cross of shame. O

Lord, Thou hast done this for me, to give me the living water that springeth up to everlasting life. For Thy sake, help me to deny myself and take up my cross and follow Thee. Keep me from all self-indulgence, and enable me to keep the vow of abstinence I have made.

O Lord, Thou knowest how far I have fallen. O lift me up by Thine own hand. Give me victory over the sin that has beset me, and make me an instrument of rescuing others. Remind me that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven, and grant I be not drunk with wine, but be filled with Thy Spirit, and at last sit down with Thee in Thy kingdom, for Thy name's sake. Amen.



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